

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Text 233733 or Call 888-373-7888

24/7 · Toll free

Confidential · 200+ languages

For immediate danger, call 911.

Indicators of Human Trafficking

Human traffickers recruit, transport, and exploit their victims via waterways in urban, rural, and tribal communities. Victims/traffickers can be of any age, race, ethnicity, sex, ability, nationality, citizenship, or socioeconomic background. ▶▶▶



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of Transportation**

**PUT THE
BRAKES ON**

**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**

Maritime/Port Indicators

- Controlled movement, identification, money, documents, luggage, and speech
- Signs of physical/emotional distress, abuse, or branding
- Improper clothing for weather or travel route
- May travel with few/no belongings
- Difficulty articulating reasonable, logical travel plans and responses sound scripted/inconsistent
- May not know person who purchased their ticket, their fellow traveler, or who is picking them up
- May use prepaid credit cards and gift cards
- Works excessively long hours and/or is provided few or no breaks
- Employer withholds pay, pays less than agreed to, or coerces contract extension