

# REPORT SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING

National Human Trafficking Hotline  
**1-888-373-7888** | Text **233733** or **BEFREE**  
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BRAKES ON  
HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING**

## Indicators of Human Trafficking

Human traffickers use transportation systems to recruit, transport, and exploit their victims in urban, rural, and tribal communities. Victims/traffickers can be of any age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, ability, nationality, citizenship, or socioeconomic background. Look for signs when you're on the road and passing through train stations, bus stations, rest areas, and transit centers.

When you see multiple indicators of human trafficking, report your suspicion.

**If something doesn't seem right, don't dismiss it.  
Trust your instincts.**

**For help and support:  
Text 233733 or Call 888-373-7888**

**In an emergency call 9-1-1 or contact local authorities.**

*The National Human Trafficking Hotline provides confidential help regardless of immigration status.*

- Controlled movement, identification, money, ticket, and speech
- Signs of physical/emotional distress, abuse, or branding
- Logistically unaware of where they are, where they are going, or where they have been
- Answers may sound scripted/inconsistent
- May not know the person traveling with them or who is meeting them
- Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, or help
- Works excessively long hours, is provided few or no breaks, and/or employer is withholding pay
- References frequent travel to other cities or towns

***Do not attempt to confront a suspected trafficker or engage with a victim.***



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