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-The Business of Stealing Freedom for Profit

Modern-day slaves are often invisible unless you know what you're looking for. If a person cannot walk away freely, they **ARE** a slave.

In some cases traffickers trick, defraud or physically force victims into selling sex. In others, victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal or otherwise unacceptable conditions.



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# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

### TRAFFICKING/SLAVERY TAKES MANY FORMS:

- × Domestic servitude
- × Sex trafficking
- × Forced or bonded labor
- × Child labor
- × Forced marriage

## WHAT MAY CAUSE SOMEONE TO BE TARGETED:

- × Unstable living situations
- × Poverty & financial stress
- × Domestic violence and/or sexual abuse
- × Recent migration or relocation
- × Mental illness
- × Drug or alcohol addition
- × Being a runaway or homeless
- × In the juvenile justice or foster care system

### LOCATIONS WHERE WE SHOULD BE **ESPECIALLY OBSERVANT**

- × Gas stations, convenience stores & truck stops
- × Hotels & motels
- × Grocery & department stores
- × Restaurants
- × Factories
- × Rest areas
- × Parks & entertainment areas
- × Private homes
- × Streets & street corners

### SIGNS THAT A PERSON HAS BEEN TRAFFICKED & IS BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL OR IS IN DANGER OF BEING ABDUCTED:

- × Is being forced into a vehicle against their will
- × Not allowed to speak alone and for themselves/ is being monitored by someone
- × Is being isolated
- × Appears fearful, anxious or depressed
- × Avoids eye contact
- × Shows signs of physical/sexual abuse
- × Not in control of their money or ID's
- × Unable to clarify where they are staying or says that they are just visiting/do not know where they are
- × Loss of sense of time
- × Few or no personal possessions
- × Not free to come & go as they wish
- × In the commercial sex industry
- × Unpaid, paid very little or only paid through tips
- × Works excessively long/unusual hours without breaks
- × Owes a large debt & cannot pay it off
- × Recruited through false promises concerning the nature of the work
- × High security measures exist in the work/living locations
- × Lacks health care

Human

trafficking is

Report suspicious activity

to law enforcement. Be a

part of the solution.

× Living in dangerous, overcrowded conditions provided by the employer

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If you see behavior that makes you feel uncomfortable or suspicious, contact Law Enforcement IMMEDIATELY. If someone is being held against their will YOU could be the one to set them free with your action.

# WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN PUT AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ABDUCTIONS.

This information is provided by:

www.endslaverynow.org U.S. National Tip Hotline 1-888-373-7888 and www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking

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