



LABOR TRAFFICKING

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WHAT IS IT?

Labor trafficking is a crime that involves recruiting individuals through the use of force, fraud, or coercion to provide services for the financial gain of the trafficker.

HOW DOES RECRUITMENT OCCUR?

- Traffickers work through agents to recruit individuals overseas.
- Traffickers target vulnerable populations, such as those in poverty-stricken or war-torn countries.
- Traffickers promise legitimate paying jobs in the United States.
- Traffickers promise valid visas and work authorization in the United States.
- Traffickers use threats against the individuals' families in their countries.

COMMON INDICATORS

- Individuals lack identification documents (state ID, passport, etc).
- Individuals are unaware of their surroundings.
- Individuals sleep and work in the same place.
- Individuals work long hours and are unable to take breaks.
- Individuals are paid very little or not paid at all.
- Individuals show signs of abuse and injuries that are not medically treated.
- Individuals do not possess the requisite safety equipment for their jobs.
- Individuals work in an unsafe environment.
- Individuals depend on employer for transportation, food and housing.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATS

24.9 Million

People are trapped in forced labor.

40.3 Million

People are trapped in modern slavery.

150.2 Billion

Dollars is the estimated worth of the human trafficking industry.





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MYTHS

VICTIMS ARE FOREIGN-BORN NATIONALS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY.

The Truth: While victims of labor trafficking may ultimately become undocumented, they often enter the United States on valid visas.

VICTIMS COULD ESCAPE IF THEY REALLY WANTED TO.

The Truth: Victims often are isolated, threatened, and fearful for their lives and are unable to escape.

IF THE VICTIMS CONSENT TO THE WORK, THEY ARE NOT VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING.

The Truth: Victims may consent to the work due to the false promises of the trafficker, but when the trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion, the victim is no longer consenting.

IF VICTIMS ARE BEING PAID FOR THE WORK THEY ARE DOING, THEY ARE NOT VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING.

The Truth: Oftentimes, the victim may be paid, but that money is quickly taken by the trafficker to pay for inhumane housing, meals (often once a day) and transportation the trafficker provides.

ADDITIONAL INFO

RISK FACTORS

Youth	A need to be loved
Family violence	Immigration
Homelessness	Poverty
Desperation	Drug Use

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT LABOR TRAFFICKING?

- If a minor is involved, call the Department of Child Services.
- Call local law enforcement.
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-800-373-7888
- Text HELP to Be Free (233733)

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