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# How to Identify and Report Human Trafficking

Everyone has a role to play in combating human trafficking and the first step one can take is to learn the key indicators. Remember that not all indicators listed below are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking. It is up to law enforcement to investigate suspected cases of human trafficking. Keep yourself and your community safe by learning to recognize common indicators of human trafficking and how to report it.

## Identifying Human Trafficking - Ask Yourself:

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

### Blue Campaign Indicator Card

The indicator card lists common signs of trafficking, the differences between human smuggling and human trafficking, and how to report the crime. It is available in multiple languages.

**Visit to Download the Blue Campaign Indicator Card** [./blue-campaign/publication/indicator-card](https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/publication/indicator-card)

## Reporting Human Trafficking:

Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to your suspicions. Your safety as well as the victim's safety is paramount. Instead, please contact local law enforcement directly or call the tip lines indicated on this page:

### Report Suspicious Criminal Activity

Call [1-866-347-2423](tel:1-866-347-2423) (tel:+18663472423) to report suspicious criminal activity to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Tip Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. Highly trained specialists take reports from both the public and law enforcement agencies on more than 400 laws enforced by ICE HSI, including those related to human trafficking.

The Tip Line is accessible outside the United States by calling [802-872-6199](tel:802-872-6199) (tel:1-802-872-6199).

## Get Help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH)

Call [1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888) (tel:+18883737888) or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733). The NHTH can help connect victims with service providers in the area and provides training, technical assistance, and other resources. The NHTH is a national, toll-free hotline available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. The NHTH is not a law enforcement or immigration authority and is operated by a nongovernmental organization funded by the Federal government.

## You Can Help

By identifying victims and reporting tips, you are doing your part to help law enforcement rescue people, and you might save a life. Law enforcement can [connect survivors to services](#) (/blue-campaign/resources-available-victims) such as medical and mental health care, shelter, job training, and legal assistance that restore their freedom and dignity.

Learn more about HSI investigations and the survivors HSI has assisted from the [ICE Newsroom](https://www.ice.gov/news/all) (https://www.ice.gov/news/all).

## Resources



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### Resources for Education

Our Learning Center has materials for a more in-depth human trafficking education and a catalog of materials that can be distributed and displayed in your community.

**View Educational Materials** [\(/blue-campaign/share-resources\)](#)



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### Human Interest Stories

Learning about recent cases of human trafficking can help you understand the indicators and what can be done to protect survivors.

**View Human Interest Stories** [\(/blue-campaign/human-interest-stories\)](#)

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Para reportar un posible caso de trata de personas llame al **[1-866-347-2423](tel:1-866-347-2423)**

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Obtenga ayuda de la Línea Nacional de Atención contra la Trata de Personas llamando

**[1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888)** [\(tel:1-888-373-7888\)](tel:1-888-373-7888), o enviando un mensaje de texto con HELP o INFO a BeFree (233733).

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