

# Identifying A Trafficking Victim

## Visual Clues

- Malnourished
- Nervous
- Avoids Eye Contact
- Injured
- Does not speak
- Signs of physical or sexual abuse

## Behavioral Clues

- Submissive
- Inability to Concentrate
- Appears afraid to speak
- Cannot give a home address
- Lack of Documentation
- Observable psychological disorder
- Defiant or combative

## Other Indicators

- Victim is being coached what to say to law enforcement.
- Someone else holds identification or travel documents.
- Garnishing of salary.
- Cannot freely contact friends or family.
- Cannot freely engage in social activities or religious services.
- No identifiable source of income.
- Victim has been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action.

## Community Response

Human trafficking is hidden in nature and traffickers will go to great lengths to avoid law enforcement in order to hide and control their victims. Creating community awareness in identifying and reporting human trafficking is a critical step.

## Community Members Who May Encounter a Victim

- Food/Clothing Banks
- Food Delivery
- Hotel/Motel workers
- Landlords
- Postal Workers/Newspaper Delivery/Delivery Companies (DHL, U-PS, FedEd)
- Real Estate Agents
- Sanitation Workers
- Social Workers
- Transportation Services (taxi, bus, airport)
- Utility Workers
- Healthcare Staff
- Clergy
- Cable, Internet, Phone installers
- Bank Employees
- Building Inspectors
- Animal Control
- Youth/Runaway Program Workers
- Home Repair Workers (AC, appliance repair)

## What Should Community Members Look For?

- Controlled exits, locked gates, secured entry
- Sparse living conditions with several people in residence
- Individuals acting as guards
- Individuals speaking for others
- Victims may avoid eye contact
- People who are injured or who appear to lack control

## How Do Citizens Report Suspected Human Trafficking?

Do not intervene on your own. Leave the premises. If you fear there is an immediate threat to the suspected victims, call 911. If there is no immediate threat, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.