



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

FORCE, FRAUD, AND COERCION – LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against their will.

All trafficking victims share one essential experience:
loss of freedom

Sex trafficking has been found not only online and on the streets, but also in legitimate businesses like restaurants, truck stops, and motels.

Labor trafficking has been found in diverse labor settings including, domestic work, small businesses, large farms, and factories.

Your Rights as a Victim:

The right to refuse to be interviewed by the accused or a representative of the accused

The right to review and comment upon the pre-sentence report prior to imposition of sentencing

The right to seek restitution

The right to reasonably prompt conclusion to the case

The right to be present and heard during all critical stages of pre-conviction and post-conviction proceedings

The right to be informed upon the release from custody or the escape of the accused or the offender

The right to confer with the prosecution prior to final disposition of the case

No One Can:

- Force you to work against your will.
- Collect a debt by forcing you to work using fraud or force.
- Intimidate you into working by using threats to harm you or your family.
- Coerce or pressure you into prostitution or to perform other sex acts.
- Use you for any kind of sex work if you are under 18.
- Take away your passport, birth certificate, or identification card to control you or your movements.

Human Trafficking Warning Signs

Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save lives.

Physical Signs:

- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of drug or alcohol abuse
- Bruising consistent with being restrained or beaten
- Frequent medical issues such as STDs or urinary track infections

Mental Health Signs:

- Avoids eye contact
- Exhibits signs of depression, anxiousness, paranoia, or fear
- Shows signs of cutting or other forms of self harm

Other Signs:

- Is not in control of their own identification documents or money
- Is unsure of their own address or moves frequently
- Is always in the company of someone who seems to have control

This list represents only a selection of possible indicators. Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

LOCAL RESOURCES:

**Louisiana Coalition Against
Domestic Violence**

www.lcadv.org
888-411-1333

Louisiana Attorney General's Office

www.AGJeffLandry.com
225-326-6079

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault

www.lafasa.org
888-995-7273

**Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
& Administration of Criminal Justice**

www.lcle.state.la.us
225-342-1500

Louisiana Automated Victim Notification System

www.lcle.state.la.us/programs/lavns.asp
1-866-528-6748

Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations

www.lcle.state.la.us/programs/cvr.asp
1-888-684-2846

Louisiana Address Confidentiality Program

[www.sos.la.gov/OurOffice/
AddressConfidentialityProgram/
Pages/default.aspx](http://www.sos.la.gov/OurOffice/AddressConfidentialityProgram/Pages/default.aspx)
1-800-825-3805

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