ON THE ROAD TO **END**
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Thousands of men, women and children are trafficked into forced labor situations and into the sex trade. Many of these victims are lured from their homes with false promises of well-paying jobs; instead, they are forced or coerced into prostitution, domestic servitude or other types of forced labor. Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate labor industries, including sweatshops, massage parlors, agricultural fields, restaurants, hotels and domestic service.

Human trafficking is different from human smuggling. Trafficking is exploitation-based and does not require movement across borders or any type of transportation.

WATCH.

Common indicators

- Does the victim work and/or live in a location with unreasonable high-security measures such as opaque or boarded windows, bars on windows or barbed wire?
- Does the victim exhibit bruises/wounds in various stages of healing or consistent with the application of physical restraints?
- Is the victim being dropped off and picked up a short time later from a van or RV that seems out of place, near trucks, for example.
- Does the victim exhibit signs of malnourishment, serious dental problems or a lack of healthcare?
- Does the victim exhibit disoriented, confused, depressed, submissive, tense or nervous/paranoid behavior?
- Is the victim accompanied by someone who is controlling them, who provides the victim's information or who does all the communicating?
- Does the victim have trouble communicating due to a language/cultural barrier?
- Does the victim seem submissive or fearful, refuse to make eye contact or seem afraid to speak in the presence of others?

REPORT.

- Call 911 for emergencies.
- Contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.
- Text "Help" or "info" to 233733.
- Email Report@PolarisProject.org.
- Scan the QR code for information and help.

Learn more to make a difference on the road to end human trafficking: Visit **https://humantraffickinghotline.org/training-resources/referral-directory** for a list of anti-trafficking organizations helping victims in your area.

Watch the Be the One in the Fight Against Human Trafficking training video at **https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/human-trafficking.**

TxDOT is committed to ending human trafficking as part of a dedicated community including the Texas Governor's Commission for Women and Child Sex Trafficking Team, state and federal agencies, and industry partners.

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