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Human Trafficking Prevention

The California Secretary of State Safe at Home program developed this informational handout to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime that involves making a person provide labor or services, or engage in commercial sex acts through force, fraud, or coercion. Exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, even if there is no force, fraud, or coercion.

What You Can Do

1. Educate yourself about human trafficking and resources available
2. Increase public awareness by sharing what you learn with others
3. Recognize the signs or indicators of human trafficking
4. Report suspicious criminal activity by calling 911 or the National Human Trafficking hotline (see below)
 - a. Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to any suspicion

Common Indicators of Human Trafficking

- Injuries or signs of physical, psychological, or sexual abuse
- Physical threats, threats of deportation, and/or threat of harm to family members
- Working excessive hours or when sick
- Little pay, no pay, or working to pay off a debt
- Isolation/restricted or scripted communication
- Inhumane living conditions
- No ID documentation

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www.castla.org/

Where to Get More Information & Resources

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Call 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733 (Be Free) to report suspected trafficking or to seek help. <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en> provides information and referrals.

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provides a substitute mailing address for victims/survivors as part of their overall safety plan. For more information, visit our website below.

