IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

to ask if you suspect that a person is a victim of trafficking

• How did the person migrate?
• How did the person find out about the job?
• What happened when they arrived in the destination country?
• What was it like when they started to work?
• Was the person paid? How much? How often?
• Did the person try to leave the job? What happened?
• Is the person afraid of his or her employer? Why?

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

To report a human trafficking situation to federal law enforcement, or to obtain information about services for trafficked persons, call one of these numbers:

The Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force
888 428 7581

Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline
888 373 7888

LEARN MORE

Department of Justice
http://www.usdoj.gov/trafficking.htm

Department of Health and Human Services
Rescue and Restore Campaign
http://www.hhs.gov/carelink/

Office of Refugee Resettlement
http://www2.dhs.gov/programs-and-services/program-victims/

United States Department of State
Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking
http://www.state.gov/

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International Rescue Committee
http://www.irc.org/trafficking/

WASHINGTON ANTI-TAFFICKING RESPONSE NETWORK

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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a crime under US law. According to the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, “severe forms of trafficking in persons” is defined as:

1. Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18.
2. The recruitment, transportation, harboring, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Victims of trafficking have rights.

No one can legally force a person to work against his or her will. Victims of trafficking in the US are entitled to protection and assistance, including:

- Access to translation/interpretation
- Information about their rights
- Free or low-cost legal services
- Federal and state benefits

WASHINGTON ANTI-TRAFFICKING RESPONSE NETWORK (WARN) is a coalition of Washington State organizations that provide assistance to pre-certified victims of trafficking with:

- Immediate access to food and stable housing
- Physical and mental health treatment
- Immigration advocacy and legal assistance
- Interpretation services
- Education and job readiness training
- Outreach and public education

WARN can provide training and education for your organization. Call us for more information.

SMUGGLING of migrants

Smuggling is the movement of consenting people across an international border for a fee.

The migrant's relationship with the smuggler ends upon arrival at the migrant's destination.

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TRAFFICKING of victims

Trafficking is ongoing exploitation. Travel is not always involved.

In general, victims have either never consented to their conditions, or their initial consent is rendered meaningless by the victims' age or by coercive, deceptive or abusive actions on the part of the traffickers.