Victims of human trafficking may look like many of the people you help.

Classic presentations found in trafficking victims:

- Bruises in various stages of healing caused by physical abuse
- Scars, mutilations, or infections due to improper medical care
- Urinary difficulties, pelvic pain, pregnancy, or rectal trauma caused from working in the sex industry
- Chronic back, hearing, cardiovascular, or respiratory problems as a result of forced manual labor in unsafe conditions
- Poor eyesight and/or eye problems due to dimly lit work sites
- Malnourishment and/or serious dental problems
- Disorientation, confusion, phobias, or panic attacks caused by daily mental abuse, torture, and culture shock

Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement, or call 1.866.347.2423



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Recognizing the combined signs will help you accurately alert local or federal authorities for investigation. For a victim of trafficking, this may save a life.

Look for the following indicators:

- Is the patient accompanied by another person who seems controlling?
- Does person accompanying the patient insist on giving information/talking?
- Does the patient have trouble communicating due to language/cultural barrier?
- Are the patient's identification documents (e.g. passport, drivers license) being held or controlled by someone else?
- Does the patient appear submissive or fearful?
- Is the patient inadequately dressed for the situation/work they do?
- Are there security measures designed to keep the patient on the premises?
- Does the patient live in a degraded, unsuitable place/share sleeping quarters?
- Is the patient suffering from classical presentations found in trafficking victims?

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit someone for labor or commercial sex. Any minor exploited for commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.

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INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING »

Recognizing human trafficking is the first step in combating this heinous crime. Learning the indicators and reporting tips helps law enforcement identify victims and connect them with the care and services they need.

The indicators listed below may help you recognize human trafficking, but any one indicator is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

PHYSICAL:

Does the person...

- Show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?
- Appear to be deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other necessities?
- Lack personal possessions?

SOCIAL:

Does the person...

- Work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Show sudden or dramatic changes in behavior?
- Act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid?
- Defer to another person to speak for him or her?
- Appear to be coached on what to say?
- Appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or place of worship?
- Not have the ability to freely leave where they live?



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End Human Trafficking.



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING? >>

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial sex. Victims can be any age, race, ethnicity, gender, sex, or nationality, and they can come from any socioeconomic background. Human trafficking happens everywhere – across our communities in cities, suburbs, and rural areas.

Any minor (under the age of 18) engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking according to federal law, regardless of whether there is force, fraud, or coercion.

Human Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking

Human smuggling and human trafficking are different crimes.

Human smuggling is the illegal movement of someone across a border. Human trafficking is the illegal exploitation of a person.



DHS WORKS TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) investigates human trafficking cases and supports victim-witnesses.
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides short- and long-term immigration relief to qualifying victims of trafficking.
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) screen for suspected human trafficking at our borders and ports of entry.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trains its disaster relief work force and supports the DHS Office of Health Affairs to educate first responders to identify and report suspected trafficking.
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) and HSI train federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and international law enforcement officials.

WHAT DOES THE BLUE CAMPAIGN DO?

- Serves as the unified voice for DHS's efforts to combat human trafficking.
- Educates the public through awareness resources including public service announcements, posters, brochures, and infographics.
- Partners with state, local, and tribal governments, federal agencies, and non-governmental and private organizations to provide training and resources on recognizing and reporting suspected human trafficking.
- Uses social media to communicate with stakeholders and the general public about DHS efforts, how to recognize and report human trafficking, and how to get involved.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

As an individual or organization there are many actions you can take to help raise awareness of human trafficking and work to combat this heinous crime. Visit dhs.gov/bluecampaign to:

- Educate yourself by viewing our free educational awareness products and videos.
- Learn more about how to recognize and report suspected human trafficking.
- Download and share our free resources in your community and online.

HOW TO REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING TIPS

Do not confront a suspected trafficker or alert a victim to your suspicions.

HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

To report suspected human trafficking, call the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) tip line:

1-866-347-2423

If you think you are being trafficked and need help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888 (not a law enforcement or immigration authority)











HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

9	30	93	10,000
HSI DIVISIONS	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC) OFFICES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES	OFFICES LOCATED IN 56 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD	EMPLOYEES (INCLUDES SPECIAL AGENTS, CRIMINAL ANALYSTS, MISSION SUPPORT PERSONNEL, AND CONTRACT STAFF)

HSI DIVISIONS

To accomplish its mission, HSI is organized into the following divisions:

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS is responsible for managing, directing, and coordinating all investigative activities, initiatives, and operations of HSI's domestic field offices.

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS develops and supports investigations, initiatives, and operations conducted or supported by HSI attaché offices and builds relationships with foreign law enforcement partners to support domestic cases, combat transnational criminal organizations, and prevent terrorist activities.

COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME is responsible for providing support and oversight of programs and operations in areas including financial and narcotics violations, human smuggling and trafficking, and other transnational crime.

NATIONAL SECURITY leads HSI's efforts to disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal enterprises and terrorist organizations that threaten the national security of the United States.

GLOBAL TRADE oversees the HSI-led National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center and investigations related to intellectual property theft, commercial fraud, and counter-proliferation/ export-enforcement.

CYBER & OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY oversees investigations of internet-related crimes, including cybercrime and child exploitation, and manages initiatives that combine information sharing and technology across the Department of Homeland Security.

OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE collects, analyzes, and shares timely and accurate intelligence on illicit trade, travel, and financial activity with a U.S. nexus.

CENTER FOR COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING (CCHT) oversees the DHS mission to combat human trafficking and the importation of goods produced with forced labor. By colocating and augmenting existing DHS functions in a single, state-of-the-art center, CCHT provides a "whole of government" approach to combating these crimes and enables HSI to continue to lead the way in an integrated, victim-centered approach to the investigation of human trafficking.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS manages critical functions that support the efficient use of HSI resources, supports HSI's strategic goals and performance measures, and provides budgetary and financial services to all of HSI.

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



HSI consists of more than 10,000 employees throughout the U.S. and in 56 countries across the world.

- Over 6,800 special agents and 1,000 criminal analysts.
 30 SAC offices and multiple sub-offices in over 230 cities.
 93 international offices.
- 13 countries with HSI-led Transnational Criminal Investigative Units.
- 4,034 plus task force officers assigned to HSI.





Homeland Security Investigations PARTNERSHIPS

At home and abroad, HSI embraces partnerships to strengthen its efforts to combat transnational crime. Through centers and task forces that HSI leads or participates in, HSI collaborates with law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private industry to coordinate operations; generate leads; identify, rescue and support victims of crime; and prevent threats to the homeland. These efforts are supported by labs that utilize technology, innovation and subject matter expertise to further advance the mission of HSI and its partners.

CENTERS

CROSS-BORDER FINANCIAL CRIMES CENTER

DHS CENTER FOR COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING (CCHT)

CYBER CRIMES CENTER (C3)

NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS COORDINATION CENTER (IPRC)

EXPORT ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION CENTER (E2C2)

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR AND WAR CRIMES CENTER (HRVWCC)

NATIONAL BULK CASH SMUGGLING CENTER (BCSC)

LABS

FORENSIC LAB

INNOVATION LAB

TASK FORCES

BORDER ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TASK FORCES (BEST)

JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCES (JTTF)

EL DORADO TASK FORCES

DOCUMENT AND BENEFIT FRAUD TASK FORCES (DBFTF)

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCES

TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS

PROGRAMS

HSI ACADEMY AT THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (FLETC)

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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