

Human Trafficking Assessment Tool for Domestic Violence Programs

Trafficking Indicators

Sex Trafficking may include persons who are:

- Forced by a partner or family member to provide sexual favors or commercial sex to others through informal arrangements, online advertisements, escort services and/or street prostitution.
- In the commercial sex industry and has a controller (boyfriend, pimp, manager, or “daddy”) or mentions having to meet a nightly monetary quota.
- Under 18 years of age and providing commercial sex acts.
- Exhibit poor health and/or has multiple untreated sexually transmitted diseases/infections.
- Terminated multiple pregnancies over a short period of time. If pregnant, hesitates to answer who the father may be or seems unsure of who the father is.
- Exhibit signs of branding such as tattoos with the controller’s name and/or burn marks.

Labor Trafficking may include persons who (are):

- Forced by a partner/family member to work inside the home in a situation of domestic servitude or outside of the home and experiences wage confiscation.
- Unable to access earnings and is not allowed access to any family finances.
- Work excessively long hours outside of the home or within the home for little or no compensation.
- Not allowed to take breaks from domestic work and is not allowed to eat unless permitted by the controller.
- Owe a debt to a partner/family member that s/he is unable to pay off.
- Have unexplained injuries or signs of untreated illness or disease.
- Living in a location where s/he is monitored or confined by the partner/family member.



First Response

Discuss potentially involving law enforcement or calling NHTRC. Notify. Be vigilant of immediate environment – who is watching, listening, calling, etc. You may ask the hotline to assist in assessing level of danger.



Assessment of Potential Danger

Consider asking the potential victim the following questions:

- Does someone control/supervise or look over what you do?
- Is your communication (calls, emails, conversations) ever restricted or monitored?
- Do you have access to all your identification/personal documents?
- What are your expectations of what would happen if you left this person/situation or if you didn’t do what this person told you to do?
- How much time can you spend at the current location?
- Do you believe that you or a family member is in danger?
- Do you want to receive assistance in leaving your situation?



Perceived Danger

The Hotline can assist in determining the next steps. You may need to involve law enforcement for victim safety. Hotline can assist in determining appropriate, sensitive law enforcement contacts.



Contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline:

Call National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline **1-888-3737-888**, which operates 24/7 and provides access to 170 languages. Ask for assistance with assessment questions, resources, and next steps. Indicate which questions you used from the aforementioned steps. **The hotline can help determine appropriate next steps/referrals.**



No Perceived Danger

Consider asking the potential victim the following questions:

- Have you ever been forced to do work you didn’t want to do?
- Have you ever been forced to have sex to pay off a debt?
- Does anyone hold your identity documents (i.e. driver’s license/passport) for you? Why?
- Have physical abuse or threats from your boyfriend/controller made you fearful to leave your situation?
- Has anyone lied to you about the type of work you would be doing?
- Were you ever threatened with deportation or jail if you tried to leave your situation?