

RESOURCES

If you are experiencing an
emergency, please call

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National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888

Crime Stoppers of Houston

713-222-TIPS (8477)

National Center for Missing
and Exploited Children Hotline

1-800-843-5678

Department of Homeland Security

1-866-347-2423

Department of Family Protective
Services Abuse Hotline

1-800-252-5400

U.S. Immigration Customs
Enforcement Victim Assistance

1-866-872-4973

U.S. Department of Labor

1-866-487-9243



MISSION

"To enhance the safety and protect the trust
of the citizens of Harris County
by enforcing the law with integrity
and professionalism."

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CONTACT US

Harris County Sheriff's Office

1200 Baker Street, Houston, TX 77002

Emergency

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Non-Emergency

(713) 221-6000

Inmate Information

(346) 286-1260

Information Line

(346) 286-1600



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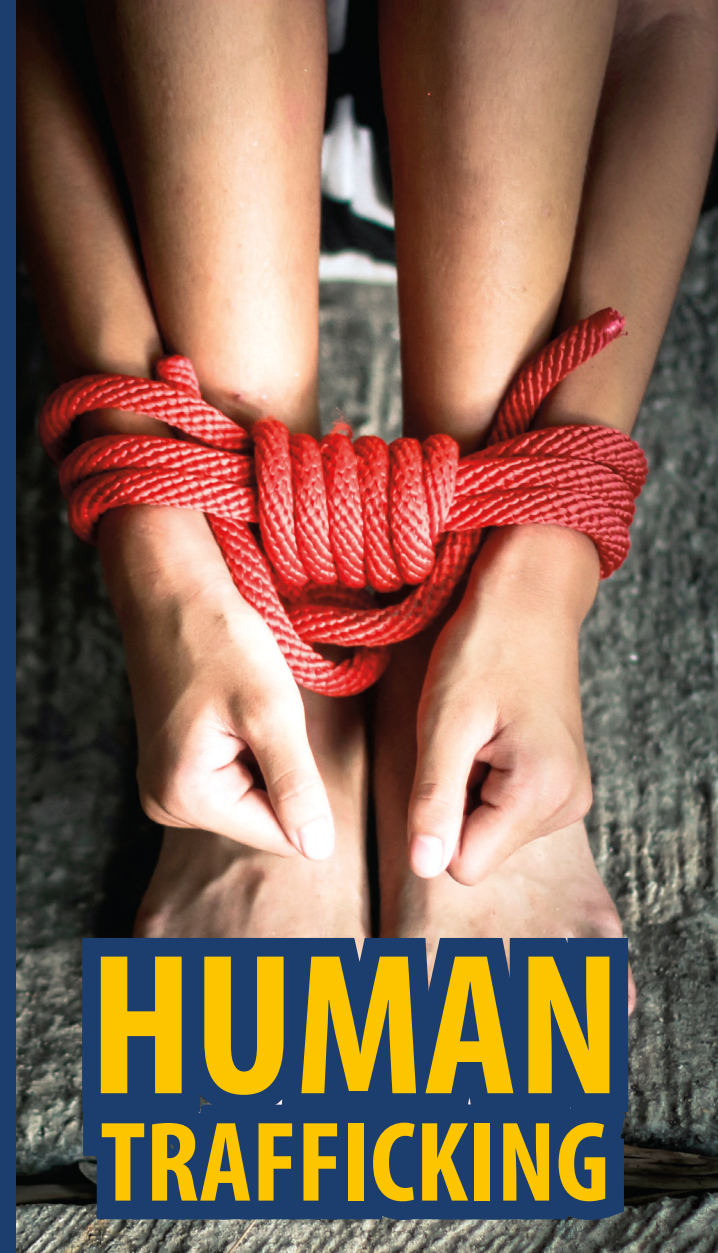
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**Human
Trafficking
Unit**

National Human Trafficking Hotline

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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, or procurement of a person for labor services for the purpose of involuntary servitude, slavery, or forced commercial sex acts. There must be an element of force, fraud, or coercion (unless under 18 years old). Trafficking involves exploitation!

EXAMPLES OF FORCE

- Restraint/Physical harm
- Threats with weapons
- Sexual abuse
- Confinement
- Forced use of drugs
- Forced abortion
- Denial of medical care

EXAMPLES OF FRAUD

- Promises of valid immigration
- Documents
- The victim was told to use false travel papers
- Promises of a job different from actuality
- Promises of money or salary
- Misrepresentation of work conditions
- Manipulating into romantic relationships

EXAMPLES OF COERCION

- Blackmail
- Control of children
- Controlled communications
- Photographing in illegal situations
- Holding ID and travel documents
- Verbal or psychological abuse
- Control of the victim's money

INDICATORS THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING MAY BE OCCURRING

- Habitual runaways/Missing/Unexplained absences from school
- Unexplained cellphones, gifts, or money
- Tattoos or injuries that they cannot explain or are hesitant to explain
- Attitude/mood change
- Drug /alcohol usage
- Inappropriate photographs
- Avoid talking about new friends/older friends, new hangout locations
- Guarded use of phones or social media accounts
- Isolation from family/friends

WHAT IS HUMAN SMUGGLING?

Human smuggling is the facilitation, transportation, attempted transportation, or illegal entry of a person or persons across an international border. Smuggling involves transportation!

INDICATORS THAT HUMAN SMUGGLING MAY BE OCCURRING

- Harboring people in a residence/warehouse/building
- Suspicious nighttime activity involving multiple persons
- Boarded up residences/buildings with nighttime activity
- Large vehicles such as cargo-type vans/SUVs picking up/dropping off multiple persons at a residence/building
- Unexplained large amounts of trash at a residence/building that appears to be abandoned

Social media has been used by traffickers to recruit, operate their business, and control their victims



SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY TIPS

- Monitor all social media accounts
- Be aware of specific photos, such as large amounts of money, older men, hotel photos, and provocative photos
- Make profiles private
- NEVER post or share revealing photographs with anyone
- Do not respond to strangers' messages/invites/friend requests
- Do not share your location
- Never meet with strangers in person that you meet online
- Never share personal information and/or photos with strangers
- Be aware that promises of gifts, money, and opportunities that are too good to be true, probably are
- Be aware that fake profiles/photos are commonly used