

How can I report an incident of human trafficking?

If you know of someone being trafficked please call your local police department or the

**National Human Trafficking**

**Hotline at (888) 373-7888.**

This national hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Kansas Human Trafficking**

**Information and Referral**

is available from  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at  
(800) 828-9745.

*People of every  
age, gender,  
ethnicity and class  
from any country  
can be trafficked.*

**Resources and Publications**

**Raise awareness and learn more  
about human trafficking:**

Office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

Victims' Services Division

Human Trafficking Advisory Board

<http://www.ksag.org>

U.S. Department of State

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

<http://www.state.gov/e/tip>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

Campaign to Rescue and Restore Victims of

Human Trafficking

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/index.html>

U.S. Department of Justice

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/ceos/trafficking.html>

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Investigative Programs, Crimes Against Children

<http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/cac/crimemain.htm>

Polaris Project

<http://www.polarisproject.org>

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficling/what-is-human-trafficling.html>

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

<http://www.missingkids.com>

For more information contact:

Human Trafficking Advisory Board

Victims' Services Division

Office of the Attorney General

(785) 291-3690

(800) 828-9745 (toll free)

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# Human Trafficking

A modern form  
of slavery



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## What is Human Trafficking?

**Human Trafficking**, a modern form of slavery, is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world and is based on recruiting, harboring and transporting people solely for the purpose of exploitation.

Victims of human trafficking may be illegal immigrants, legal immigrants, or U.S. citizens and may be men, women or children who are forced or coerced into sex or labor exploitation.

Labor trafficking can be found in a wide range of businesses. It is also found in homes where men, women or children work as indentured servants.

Sex trafficking is a lucrative practice and involves any form of sexual exploitation such as prostitution, pornography, stripping, and commercial sexual abuse. Any sexually exploited child is considered a trafficking victim, even if no force or coercion is present. Exploitation may also be in the form of mail order brides.

The U.S. Department of State estimates that 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States every year. The number of U.S. citizens trafficked within our country is even higher. American children are in the greatest danger, with an estimated 200,000 at risk of sexual exploitation every year.

## Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

Traffickers target children because they are vulnerable, gullible and there is a good market for young victims. Studies show traffickers prey on children who are an average of 12-13 years old.

In Kansas, "recruiting, harboring, transporting or obtaining, by any means, a person under 18 years of age ... with or without force, fraud, threat or coercion ... to engage in forced labor, involuntary servitude or sexual gratification" is considered aggravated human trafficking, a severity level 1, person felony.

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**Human trafficking** is defined as:

1. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjecting the person to involuntary servitude or forced labor;
2. benefitting financially or by receiving anything of value from participation in a venture that has engaged in acts ... in paragraph (1);
3. coercing employment by obtaining or maintaining labor or services that are performed or provided by another person through any of the following:
  - A. Causing or threatening to cause physical injury to any person;
  - B. physically restraining or threatening to physically restrain another person;
  - C. abusing or threatening to abuse the law or legal process;
  - D. threatening to withhold food, lodging or clothing; or
  - E. knowingly destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating or possessing any actual or purported government identification document of another person; or
- (4) knowingly holding another person in a condition of peonage in satisfaction of a debt ... "Peonage" means ... involuntary servitude in which the victim is forced to work for another person by the use or threat of physical restraint or physical injury, or by the use or threat of coercion through law or the legal process.

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## Recognizing a Victim of Human Trafficking

- Are there multiple people living in one space?
- Are people living with their employer or at their job site?
- Are there bruises or other signs of physical abuse?
- Is the person submissive, depressive or fearful?
- Is there evidence of inability to move or leave a job?
- Are minors not in class during school hours?
- Does minor have a "boyfriend" who is noticeably older?
- Does the person show signs of drug addiction?
- Does the minor refer to sexual situations that are not age-appropriate?
- Is the person inappropriately dressed for the weather?
- Is the person accompanied by someone who seems controlling?
- Does the person appear hungry or malnourished?
- Are there sudden changes in attire, behavior or material possessions?

This is not a comprehensive list of all signs of human trafficking, nor are all adults or children who exhibit these signs trafficking victims. This list prompts further exploration to determine if human trafficking is occurring.