

# Victims Don't Self Identify...

## Be aware of the signs of human trafficking

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### Red flags:

- A person under age of 18 and working in the sex industry
- Evidence of being controlled
- Evidence of inability to move or leave job
- Excessive work hours
- Fear of speaking for themselves
- Rarely alone or seems to be under constant surveillance
- Insistence on one person providing all information to outsiders
- Isolated or cut off from family or friends
- Lives with co-workers and/or employer – NO PRIVACY
- No passport or other identifying information
- Not able to take time off work
- Not paid well or paid very little
- Persistent fear, depression, anxiety or submissive or stupor-like behavior
- Poor living or working conditions
- Severely dependent on one person to meet all of life's essential needs
- Victim has bruises or other injuries
- Works "off books" in low paying jobs
- Works "off books" in the sex industry

If you believe someone is a victim of human trafficking, contact one or more of these people:

**\*Always call 911 first if someone is in immediate danger.**

**National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-3737-888**

**If you suspect human trafficking call:**

**FBI  
573-636-8814**

**Columbia Police "Crime Stoppers"  
573-875-TIPS(8477)**

**National Hotline (Bilingual Operators)  
1-888-373-7888**