

INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



GENERAL INDICATORS

- ▶ Potential victim lacks information on where they are travelling to, staying or working.
- ▶ Indicators of control by another person:
 - ▶ The other person is in control of the potential victim's identification documents
 - ▶ Other person speaks on behalf of the potential victim
 - ▶ The potential victim's body language shows discomfort, hostility or submission
 - ▶ Unfamiliarity with the other person
 - ▶ The potential victim is unable to move freely
 - ▶ Potential victim is dependent on another person (i.e. financially, emotionally, and/or for drugs)
- ▶ Potential victim has few personal belongings or is dressed inappropriately for the weather conditions.
- ▶ Potential victim shows signs of physical neglect or abuse (scars, bruises, burns, etc.) and/or seem malnourished or dishevelled.
- ▶ Potential victim is travelling alone and receives frequent calls or messages on their phone (from the trafficker) which causes visible anxiety.
- ▶ Body Language and Facial Expressions:
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LIVING & WORKING INDICATORS

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- ▶ Potential victim lives and works in the same place.
EXAMPLE: *Victims sleep on the floor of the car wash that they work.*
- ▶ Potential victim lives in accommodation which is overcrowded and/or dirty.
EXAMPLE: *Victims share a flat with 10 people they work with at a construction site.*
- ▶ Potential victim is not free to come and go as they please.
EXAMPLE: *Victims are told they cannot leave the house where they work as a cleaner, to go and get food, or have leisure time.*
- ▶ Potential victim is underpaid or receives no pay.
EXAMPLE: *Victims are not paid regularly or are not paid at all because of the 'debt' they owe to their employers for basic amenities such as food or rent.*
- ▶ Potential victim works excessively long hours, perhaps without any break.
EXAMPLE: *Victims work 15 hour days on a fruit farm and are not given any breaks until they have finished their quota for the day and are threatened if they try to leave.*
- ▶ Potential victim is working to pay off a debt.
EXAMPLE: *Victims have not been paid despite having worked in a nail salon for two months because the employer has stated they must work to pay off the cost of travel to the UK.*

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