

# Human Trafficking Red Flags & Ways to Respond



For your own safety, and the safety of others. Please do not approach a person who you suspect is being trafficked.

## What is Human Trafficking?

- **Sex trafficking:** the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; (and)
- **Labor trafficking:** 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 subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

## What to do if you suspect Human Trafficking:

For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need “Actionable Information,” and as many details as you can provide.

Specific information that is helpful when reporting to the hotline would include:

- ◇ Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate number, etc.). And people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) If it is safe to take a picture, do so.
- ◇ Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- ◇ Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place
- ◆ **To report a Tip**– Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or the non-emergency Law Enforcement line at 928-774-1414
- ◆ **In an Emergency**– Call 911

## Red Flags can include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

- Seems anxious, fearful or paranoid. Avoids eye contact.
- Tearfulness or signs of depression.
- Appears to be in a relationship with someone who is dominating.
- Never is alone and/or always has someone translating or answering questions on their behalf.
- Has no identification such as a license, passport or other ID documents.
- Marks indicating “ownership” (Tattoos)- Typically seen on the neck, shoulder, or back (Crown, Dollar signs, Name, Lips, Playing Cards).
- Inappropriately dressed for current conditions
- People coming/going from a park, residence or business at unusual times

