Protecting Ohio's Families

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HELP ELIMINATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking forces vulnerable members of society into modern-day slavery.

When traffickers are looking for victims, they target easy prey: at-risk children and adults. They lure them in with promises and threats and force them into lives of sex slavery or hard labor. Unfortunately, human trafficking happens everywhere, including in Ohio.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office — through its Human Trafficking Commission, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy — is involved in much of the work being done to combat human trafficking throughout the state. House Bill 130, passed in 2014, has cut into the market-driven demand for commercial sex by holding traffickers — and those who purchase the services — accountable. House Bill 262, passed in 2012, increased the penalties for traffickers and improved the care for victims.

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While law enforcement and lawmakers are doing what they can to fight human trafficking, all Ohioans can play a role in ending modern-day slavery.

To learn more:

- For more information on the topic, visit the Ohio Attorney General's website at **www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/HumanTrafficking**.
- For law enforcement training, contact the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy at **740-845-2700** or **AskOPOTA@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov**.

RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEM

Many victims do not realize they are being trafficked. Learn to recognize and report these warning signs:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SEX TRAFFICKING

- Moves often
- Talks about traveling to other cities
- Runs away from home
- Has a “boyfriend” who is much older
- Seems to be controlled (rarely alone, kept away from family and friends)
- Shows signs of physical abuse, starvation
- Does not have IDs (driver’s license, passport)

LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Appears to live at or near a workplace (cots or sleeping bags may be visible in the back room of a business)
- Experiences restricted movement
- Works with a large group of people in a small space
- Shows signs of physical abuse, isolation, starvation
- Works long hours and is not free to leave
- Does not have IDs (driver’s license, passport, immigration documents)

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

To report activity you think may be related to human trafficking or to seek help, contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at **888-373-7888**. This 24-hour hotline sends information directly to Ohio’s local anti-trafficking coalitions.

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