

*Protecting Ohio's Families*



# HELP ELIMINATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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TRAFFICKING**

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

Criminal traffickers target those already at risk, often children. More than 1,000 minors are believed to be forced to sell sex in Ohio alone. Adults also fall victim to sex and labor trafficking across the state.

Ohio's Safe Harbor Law, enacted in 2012, toughens penalties on convicted traffickers and johns, provides help for victims, and requires law enforcement to track

data and seek training. 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 this work.

By knowing the warning signs and being willing to report suspicious activity, all Ohioans can help end this tragic crime.

### **To learn more**

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

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## RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM

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

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### 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 **888-3737-888**. This 24-hour hotline sends information directly to Ohio’s local anti-trafficking coalitions.

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