



# Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office

## U.S. Department of Defense

### *What is Trafficking in Persons (TIP)?*

*The use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person to provide labor, services, or commercial sex. Any minor (under 18 years of age) involved in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking (no force, fraud or coercion need be proved). TIP is the recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for the purpose of exploitation. In sex trafficking, it also includes soliciting and patronizing.*

*Common Types of TIP: Labor Trafficking, Sex Trafficking, Child Soldiering, Domestic Servitude, Debt Bondage/Peonage, Involuntary Servitude*

### Who is at risk?

#### **Victims can be of any:**

- Race
- Sex
- Nationality
- Social status
- Economic status
- Immigration status

#### **Vulnerable populations:**

- Undocumented migrants
- Runaway and homeless youth
- Women and children with limited resources
- Oppressed social or cultural groups
- People displaced by natural disaster or civil conflict
- Victims of prior sexual or physical abuse

### What are some indicators of TIP?\*

#### **Physical/Environmental indicators. Victims may:**

- Have signs of physical abuse (bruises, cuts, burns, broken bones)
- Not possess identification papers
- Live at or be confined to their worksite
- Be escorted or closely monitored at all times
- Be in debt bondage to employer
- Suffer medical conditions such as serious communicable diseases, injuries from violence or hazardous work conditions, malnutrition, dehydration

#### **Psychological/Behavioral indicators. Victims may be:**

- Fearful
- Submissive
- Anxious
- Nervous
- Depressed
- Dependent on others
- Emotionally abused
- Lacking ability to move freely

\*Indicators listed are not absolute signs of TIP, but when presenting with several are a sign of TIP.

### How to respond if TIP is suspected:

If you suspect a TIP situation, do not get directly involved. **Report the situation to the appropriate authority immediately:**

Chain of Command

DoD Inspector General Hotline

**1-800-424-9098, or visit**

**<http://www.dodig.mil/hotline/>**

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

**1-888-373-7888**

Local Law Enforcement

**Report and avoid** any establishments or persons that you believe may be involved in TIP.

**Never act alone**, you may want to help, but trafficking situations are dangerous.

**[www.ctip.defense.gov](http://www.ctip.defense.gov)**