



Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Management Office

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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
- Gender
- 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