

## The Truth About Trafficking...



According to the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, every 10 minutes a woman or child is trafficked into the

U.S. for forced labor. Trafficking is a global problem that ranks as one of the most lucrative forms of international crime, crossing borders and affecting every continent. Following drug smuggling, trafficking of humans is tied with weapons and arms smuggling as the second largest criminal industry in the world. Trafficking is the coercion of victims for the purpose of exploitation or forced labor. Smuggling is illegally assisting someone across borders. As more people become aware of human trafficking problems here in Southwest Florida, it is our hope that they will contact law enforcement or a service provider to eradicate this horrific human rights violation. The key is public awareness.

## The Facts About Trafficking...

- Human trafficking has become a multi-billion dollar global industry.
- Florida is one of the top destination states for human trafficking.
- There are an estimated twenty seven million people living in slavery around the world today.
- An estimated 2 million people are trafficked each year.

## Understanding Victims...

It is imperative that we understand the mindset of human trafficking victims to help them restore their lives. Many do not speak English and do not know their whereabouts. Many have strong distrust of law enforcement and fear corrupt officials and deportation. Sadly, many do not even realize they are victims or that they have rights regardless of immigration status.

## The Trafficking and Violence Protection Act...

To combat the increasing numbers of humans trafficked at home and abroad, the U.S. Congress passed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000. TVPA provides refugee benefits to victims of human trafficking, immigration remedies for victims, witnesses, and strengthened sentencing guidelines for traffickers. The related Florida Statute of 2004 mirrors the TVPA with the exception of provision of benefits.

## Who Can Help...

The Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, CAHT, was established in December 2004, following the discovery of several human trafficking cases. While the actual cases are small in numbers, they are no less horrific in nature. The stance of the Coalition is proactive in its assistance to local victim service providers and law enforcement in the fight against all human trafficking in Collier County and throughout Southwest Florida.

Concerned members of the community and the private sector have banded together to form The Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held the second Thursday of each month beginning at 2:00 p.m.

To find meetings visit [www.colliersheriff.org/We Can Help/Human Trafficking](http://www.colliersheriff.org/We%20Can%20Help/Human%20Trafficking) to find Monthly CAHT meetings.

**“Human trafficking is one of the worst offenses against human dignity.”**

**President George W. Bush**



You can count on me to help break down barriers that promote human trafficking...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

When Available (seasonal residents list available months): \_\_\_\_\_

Your support and assistance is needed throughout the year. Please circle your areas of interest and return this form to the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

Phones    Data Entry    Newsletters    Coordinating Speaking Engagements    Company Sponsorships

Fundraising/Marketing    Special Transportation    Special Needs

Other(explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Human Trafficking Indicators

### General Indicators

- Live on or near work premises
- Restricted or controlled communication or transportation
- Frequently moved by traffickers
- Large number of occupants for living space
- Lack of private space, or personal possessions
- Limited knowledge of how to get around in a community

### Physical Indicators

- Injuries from beatings or weapons
- Signs of torture (e.g., cigarette burns)
- Brands or scarring indicating ownership
- Signs of malnourishment

### Financial/Legal Indicators

- Someone else has possession of legal or travel documents
- Lack of financial records
- Existing debt issues
- One attorney claiming to represent multiple illegal aliens detained at different locations
- Third party who insists on interpreting

### Labor Camp Sweatshop Indicators

- Security intended to keep victims confined
- Barbed wire or bars on windows
- Self-contained camps
- Bouncers, guards or guard dogs

### Brothel Indicators

- Large amounts of cash and condoms
- Customer logbook or receipt book
- Sparse rooms
- Men come and go frequently

If you suspect someone is a human trafficker call:

U.S. Department of Justice  
Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline  
at 1.888.373.7888

Naples Police and Emergency Services  
239.213.4844

Marco Island Police Department  
239.389.5050

Coalition of Immokalee Workers  
239.657.8311

[www.colliersheriff.org](http://www.colliersheriff.org)  
In an **EMERGENCY** call 911

To find more information regarding human trafficking, you can visit the following websites:

[www.humantrafficking.org](http://www.humantrafficking.org)  
[www.childtrafficking.com](http://www.childtrafficking.com)  
[www.antislavery.org](http://www.antislavery.org)  
[www.floridafreedom.org](http://www.floridafreedom.org)  
[www.cahr.fsu.edu](http://www.cahr.fsu.edu)  
[www.ciw-online.org](http://www.ciw-online.org)



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