



# THE HOTEL INDUSTRY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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## HOTEL FRONT DESK INDICATORS

Hotels afford traffickers the ability to discreetly carry out their crimes.

### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a crime that involves recruiting individuals to engage in and perform sexual acts or provide services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Victims under the age of 18 are recognized as victims of human trafficking regardless of whether force, fraud or coercion are present.

## COMMON INDICATORS

\* Note: The presence of a single indicator alone may not indicate human trafficking. The presence of multiple indicators is the best indication.

- Individuals checking into room appear distressed, coerced or injured.
- Individual has no personal possessions or few carried in small or plastic bags.
- Individual does not have freedom of movement or is constantly monitored and avoids interactions with others.
- Individual averts his or her eyes or does not make eye contact, especially with individual accompanying them.
- Individual shows signs of physical abuse, fear or malnourishment.
- Individual appears to be with a significantly older “boyfriend” or in the company of older males.
- Individual is treated in a demeaning or aggressive manner or is verbally abused.
- Individual is not forthcoming about full names, home addresses or vehicle information when checking in.
- Individual appears with a minor that he or she did not originally come in with.
- Individuals are dropped off or picked up at the hotel over a period of time.
- Individual checking in does not have identification.
- Individual requests information or access to adult services or local sex industry.
- Individual pays for room with cash or rechargeable credit card and has excessive cash in his or her room.
- Individual excessively uses the hotel computers for adult oriented websites.
- A minor exhibits adult role or behaves older than actual age, such as paying the bills or requesting services.
- A minor is with a patron late at night or during school hours.
- There is evidence of pornography rentals when children are staying in the room.
- A room is rented hourly, less than a day, or for an abnormal long-term stay where the visits are extended day-to-day.
- Individuals staying in the room far exceed the number of beds in the room.
- Individuals hang around the lobby, hallways, or outside of rooms to monitor the area.
- Individual requests rooms that have a “sight” advantage (such as on the second floor and to be able to see cars coming in and out of the parking lot and on the main street).

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

- If a minor is involved, call the Department of Child Services hotline 1-800-800-5556.
- If it's an emergency, call local law enforcement, 911.
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-800-373-7888.
- Text HELP to Be Free (233733).

### WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT?

Provide as many of the following as you can:

Name; date and times; telephone numbers; addresses; description of the individuals; number of rooms rented; credit card information; vehicle license plate number including the state.

### CONTACT US

For questions please contact:  
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