

The signs of someone who's been trafficked

Human trafficking may occur locally or domestically, without any movement, such as within the same city.

Victims may be isolated and/or taken to illicit businesses where they may be subjected to physical and sexual abuse and concealment. They may be forced to perform a variety of services including working in the sex trade, factories, restaurants, agriculture, or providing domestic work.

How would you recognize a victim?

(usually includes a combination of indicators)

1. she may be controlled or intimidated by someone else (i.e. being escorted or watched)
2. she may not speak on her own behalf and may not be English/French speaking
3. he may not have a passport or other I.D.
4. he may not be familiar with the neighborhood he lives/works in
5. she may be moved frequently by her traffickers
6. she may have injuries/bruises from beatings and/or weapons

7. he may show visible signs of torture i.e. cigarette burns, cuts
8. he may show visible signs of branding or scarring (indicating ownership by the trafficker)
9. they may show signs of malnourishment
10. they may express fear and intimidation through facial expressions and/or body language

There are very few clear black and white indicators of human trafficking.