National Human Trafficking Hotline Text 233733 or Call 888-373-7888 24/7 · Toll free

Confidential · 200+ languages In an emergency call 911 or contact local authorities.

Indicators of Human Trafficking

Human traffickers recruit, transport, and exploit their victims via airports and airplanes in urban and rural communities. Victims/traffickers can be of any age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, ability, nationality, citizenship, or socioeconomic background.



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Aviation Indicators

- Controlled movement, identification, money, documents, luggage, and speech
- Signs of physical/emotional distress, abuse, or branding
- Clothing/appearance may not fit the route of travel or weather
- May travel with few/no belongings
- Has no logical means of reaching, or lacks knowledge of, final destination
- · May purchase in-person, one-way, last-minute or same-day tickets
- Answers may sound scripted/
 inconsistent
- May not know person who purchased their ticket, their fellow traveler, or who is picking them up
- May use prepaid credit cards and gift cards

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