YOU MAY SEE VICTIMS EVERY DAY.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING
SPOT IT! REPORT IT!

Human trafficking doesn’t often look like the pictures you see in media. Movies and human trafficking event posters often present a false picture of human trafficking. Anyone who sees someone in chains, would immediately call the police. The restraints that control a human trafficking victim are more subtle, psychological, and invisible. Human trafficking victims are less obvious and may look like a mom, an uncle, or a younger sister.

When someone appears when they are unable to leave work because someone is controlling them; or they seem fearful of the person in charge; or they lack freedom of movement; it may be trafficking. The easiest telltale sign to identify is the site of a youth under the age of 18 is being sold for commercial sex, either in a motel, on the street, at a strip club, or through online pornography. In those cases, it is automatically human trafficking and law enforcement does not have to prove force, fraud, or coercion. They can arrest the trafficker and provide help for the victim.

The witness should call the National Human Trafficking Hotline where a determination will be made if it is a case of trafficking. Be careful to note the surroundings like main streets, signposts, and landmarks. Do not intervene on your own. Your call may contribute more information to other calls with similar details, and help in starting an investigation. It is important not to approach a possible victim if it may put the victim in danger. If the person is a sex trafficking victim, the trafficker may see you and she may be punished for even talking to you. It is important to be aware of putting the victim in danger.

If you suspect someone is a trafficking victim, you can call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888.3737.888. There is also a TEXT number 233733 or BEFREE.

Defeat Human Trafficking Ministry
Awareness is Our Weapon