

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Red Flags for Hospitality Industry

Human trafficking involves using force, fraud, or coercion to control their victims; human trafficking situations often exhibit one or more of the following indicators:



- Several women are accompanied by one or just a few men; often the man will speak for the women.
- A man may be focused on physically or psychologically controlling the victims.
- Victims and their trafficker will not “feel” like a family; clothing may be inappropriate for normal travelers.
- Commonly rooms are paid for with cash; several rooms may be reserved.
- Victims often have no, or few, personal possessions; they may have no luggage or very little.
- There may be heavy foot traffic and/or taxi traffic. Visitors commonly are men who will know which room to visit. Visitors will likely stay for short periods of time.
- Victims may exhibit signs of abuse, such as bruises, cuts, burns, scars, poor personal hygiene, or malnourishment.
- Victims usually will not engage in conversation with lodging employees.
- Victims commonly deny that they are victims, or need assistance.

Human trafficking situations can be dangerous to you if you attempt to intervene. If you suspect human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888, or call 911.

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