



## Human Trafficking **“Red Flags”** for the Lodging Industry, Hotels, and Motels

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.
- The man obviously in charge will be focused on controlling the victims physically and/or psychologically.
- 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 and to victims if you attempt to intervene. If you suspect human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-3737-888,**

**or call 9-1-1.**