Red Flags for Human Trafficking

Living and Working Conditions
- Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes
- Is chronically running away, truant, homeless or gang-involved
- Is under 18 and is engaged in commercial sex acts
- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp / manager
- Frequently has goods or services with no apparent means to pay for them
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises about the nature and conditions of his/her work
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)

Behavior
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Avoids eye contact
- Loss of sense of time, inability to recount information chronologically
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story

Physical Health
- Lacks health care and basic physical needs
- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture

Lack of Control
- Has few or no personal possessions
- Is not in control of his/her own money, no financial records, or bank account
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)
- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he/she is staying/address
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city he/she is in

If human trafficking is suspected, contact your Local Law Enforcement Agency.