

What is it?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is a crime involving: the exploitation of children for commercial sex; of adults for commercial sex through the use of force, fraud or coercion; and, of any individual for compelled labor.

Passport agencies and embassies can play a vital role in identifying human trafficking.

Suspect human trafficking? You can help. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at

888.373.7888



These questions are intended to help identify situations of human trafficking in the passport agency and embassy setting.



- Do you have your passport?
- Has your passport ever been taken away for any reason? Could you get it back if you wanted?
- Are there rules against keeping your own passport, visa, birth certificate or other ID at your place of work?
- Are you here to get a new passport in its place?
- When was the last time you saw your documents? Do you know where they are kept?
- Did anyone arrange your travel to the U.S. when you first got here?
- What did they do?
- Did you have to do anything so that they would help you?
- Did you (or your family) borrow or owe money, or something else, to anyone who helped you come to the U.S.?
- Do you (or your family) still have this debt, or does anyone claim you do?
- If you borrowed or owe money, have you been pressured to do anything you didn't want to do to pay it back?
- Did anyone where you worked [or did other activities] ever harm or threaten to harm people close to you, like family or friends?
- What kind of threats have been made and by whom (such as threats of harm, deportation or reporting to the authorities)?
- Have you been pressured, forced or tricked to do something you didn't want to do?