

# IF YOU SUSPECT THE TRAFFICKING OR EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN,

CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT

# 1-888-373-7888

OR TEXT "HELP" OR "INFO" TO BeFree (233733) EMAIL: NHTRC@POLARISPROJECT.ORG, 24/7, CONFIDENTIAL & INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE  
IN CASE OF IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911.

## RED FLAGS OF CHILD TRAFFICKING

### CONDITIONS

- Is not free to leave or come and go as they wish
- Is under 18 and engaged in commercial sex
- Is unpaid, paid little, or paid only through tips
- Has experienced violence at work
- Is not allowed breaks and has unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises
- Has few or no personal possessions
- Is not in control of their own money
- Is not in control of their own ID documents
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)

### HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR

- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, tense, nervous, or paranoid when discussing work
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts
- Loss of sense of time
- Has many inconsistencies in their story
- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture

## DEFINITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### LABOR TRAFFICKING IS...

recruiting, moving, or placing individuals in exchanges of bonded labor or involuntary servitude via force, fraud, or coercion. In situations of bonded labor, an individual's release is contingent on payment, but payment is unattainable. In cases of involuntary servitude, the person believes that they or another person will suffer serious harm or legal consequences if they don't work.

### SEX TRAFFICKING IS...

defined by the exchange of a sexual act for something of value through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. For children (under 18), any sexual act(s) in exchange for something of value (e.g., money or basic needs) can be considered sex trafficking.

*NOTE: Trafficking and exploitation can take many forms. Victims of exploitation can be found working in factory labor, mining, farming, nail salons, the commercial sex industry, massage services, commercial cleaning, hospitality, strip clubs, construction, bars and restaurants, and many other economic venues. The International Labor Organisation estimates that over 20% of trafficking occurs in the form of sexual exploitation. It is a common misconception that all individuals involved in sex work are exploited or trafficked. This is not the case. However, any minor involved in commercial sex is considered a victim of exploitation. Love146 exists to specifically address the trafficking and exploitation of children. If you suspect a minor is being exploited or trafficked you should call the Trafficking Hotline.*

Children pictured are models and not known to be exploited.

**LOVE146**  
END CHILD TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION