



# Human Trafficking **Red Flags**

## For Taxi, Limousine, and Public Transportation Drivers

If you come in contact with anyone exhibiting one or more of the following indicators, they may be a victim of human trafficking:

- A potential victim may have a person with them who seems very controlling and tries to speak for the victim.
- Victims may exhibit signs of physical abuse such as: bruises, broken bones, cuts, burns, scars, and/or malnourishment.
- Victims may appear afraid/nervous and may not make eye contact.
- Victims may have signs of psychological trauma such as: severe anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, trauma bonding/Stockholm Syndrome, panic attacks, submissiveness, and/or no emotion at all (flat effect).
- Victims may work and live in the same location.
- Victims may have a marked lack of understanding of the city or even where they are.
- Victims typically do not have control over personal ID documents. These documents may be in the control of the trafficker.
- Conversations with victims may seem very scripted, inconsistent, or vague.
- Victims may have signs of “branding” by their traffickers such as: tattoos of the trafficker’s name and/or jewelry.
- You may hear indications of commercial sex activity with underage persons.
- Victims may not admit that they are victims and may not ask for help.

Source: [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org), New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force, and [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com).



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If you need help, call **1-888-373-7888** or **1-800-991-0948**.