

LaSalle Police



Human Trafficking Awareness

What can *you* do?

The most important step in helping a trafficked victim is recognizing the warning signs. It is also important not to take matters into your own hands. Here is what you can do:

- Take note of who is involved
- Note the license plate # and vehicle type
- Contact your local authorities

Community Contacts

Emergency Services

Tel: 911

LaSalle Police

Tel: 519-969-5210

Windsor Police

Tel: 519-258-6111

Crime Stoppers

Tel: 1-800-222-TIPS

Canadian Border Services Agency

Tel: 1-888-502-9060

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Tel: 1-866-DHS-2-ICE

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Tel: 1-800-BE-ALERT

WEFiGHT

Tel: 519-256-7831

What is Human Trafficking?

“The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons using methods of threat, force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of exploitation.”

- the United Nations

- 4 types: labour, sex, organ and marriage

Warning Signs

Branding Often times, victims are branded by their trafficker with tattoos. The tattoos are usually in highly visible places such as the neck, chest, face or wrists. Common tattoos include; non-traditional names, crowns, barcodes or money-related quotes and symbols.

Health Many victims appear to be of poor health. The most common sign is physical neglect or malnutrition.

Appearance Despite potentially looking malnourished, victims often maintain above average personal hygiene. This can include well done hair and nails.

Injuries Violence towards victims is a popular control mechanism of traffickers. Visible and unexplainable bruises, ligature marks, or cuts can be warning signs.

ID and Finances The trafficker is likely to be in possession of all of the victim's identification. You may notice this with finances as well as they will not be in possession of any cards.

Behaviour Victims typically avoid eye contact, and have a fear of law enforcement. If accompanied by their trafficker, it is likely they will not be left alone, nor allowed to speak.