Victims of human trafficking may look like many of the people you help.

Classic presentations found in trafficking victims:
- Bruises in various stages of healing caused by physical abuse
- Scars, mutilations, or infections due to improper medical care
- Urinary difficulties, pelvic pain, pregnancy, or rectal trauma caused from working in the sex industry
- Chronic back, hearing, cardiovascular, or respiratory problems as a result of forced manual labor in unsafe conditions
- Poor eyesight and/or eye problems due to dimly lit work sites
- Malnourishment and/or serious dental problems
- Disorientation, confusion, phobias, or panic attacks caused by daily mental abuse, torture, and culture shock

Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement, or call 1.866.347.2423

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Recognizing the combined signs will help you accurately alert local or federal authorities for investigation. For a victim of trafficking, this may save a life.

Look for the following indicators:
- Is the patient accompanied by another person who seems controlling?
- Does person accompanying the patient insist on giving information/talking?
- Does the patient have trouble communicating due to language/cultural barrier?
- Are the patient’s identification documents (e.g. passport, drivers license) being held or controlled by someone else?
- Does the patient appear submissive or fearful?
- Is the patient inadequately dressed for the situation/work they do?
- Are there security measures designed to keep the patient on the premises?
- Does the patient live in a degraded, unsuitable place/share sleeping quarters?
- Is the patient suffering from classical presentations found in trafficking victims?

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit someone for labor or commercial sex. Any minor exploited for commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.

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