

# Human Trafficking Indicators for Airports

Human trafficking is a crime and DFW Airport is taking a stand against it. Human trafficking happens when (1) force, fraud, or coercion are used to compel a person into work or prostitution or (2) a minor is prostituted. It is everyone's responsibility to be aware of human trafficking indicators and protect the freedom of air travel.



**Control:** A person displays unusual control over another person or group of people.

- Threatening
- Isolating
- Holding travel documentation
- Speaking for someone
- Tricking or lying
- Unusual power dynamic
- Surveillance
- Employer-controlled housing



**Distress or Injury:** A person appears distressed or injured.

- Distress or fear
- Injury, such as bruising or a cut
- Not allowed to make eye contact
- Not allowed to communicate with others
- Discomfort with companions
- Malnourished
- Unusually fatigued
- Signs of trauma, such as becoming hostile, fleeing, or freezing up
- Answers sound rehearsed



**Confusion:** A person shows an unusual level of confusion.

- Person has been tricked or did not receive pay they were promised
- Unsure of where they are or where they are going
- Does not know their travel companions or who they are meeting upon arrival
- Moving to new locations based on promises that sound untrue or unusual



**Sex Buying:** A person solicits sex from a minor or a person coerced into the sex trade.

- Arranging to buy sex from a person through email, text, etc.
- Talking or joking about sex buying
- Accessing websites to buy sex

## Steps to Take if You Suspect Human Trafficking

If you see a potential victim of human trafficking, **CALL 911**:

- in an emergency,
- if a minor is involved, or
- if a controller is present.

If a potential victim is alone or you can safely separate them from a controller, ask them, **"Are you OK?"**

- If they want you to contact police, call 911.
- If not, give them a resources card or the human trafficking hotline **1-888-373-7888** or send a text to **233733** (BEFREE).

If a victim is not present, and you suspect human trafficking, sex buying, or other criminal activity from a DFW employee, vendor, or other personnel in their official capacity at DFW, report it to the DFW Police non-emergency line at 1-972-973-SAFE (7233).

