

If you think that the individual may be a victim of human trafficking, please call the CAST anti-trafficking 24-hour hotline:  
**888-KEY-2-FREE (888-539-2373)**



### What is Human Trafficking?

The Trafficking Victims Protections Act (TVPA) defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as:

- **Sex trafficking** in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion; or
- **Labor trafficking**: obtaining of a person for labor through the use of force, fraud, or coercion

Victims of human trafficking can be of any race/ethnicity, age or gender.

### Identifying a Potential Victim

There are indicators or “red flags” to identify a victim:

- Acts anxious, fearful, or paranoid and/or avoids eye contact
- Unexplained bruises, scars, or tattoos as a form of “branding” by traffickers
- Has no form of identification (passport, immigrant visa, social security card, state ID, or vehicle license)
- Afraid of law enforcement
- Unable to leave work or residence
- Has rehearsed responses to questions
- Only seen out in public with someone else
- Being owed a debt for transport fees or other fees
- In a large group of people living in a small place
- Not in control of his/her money
- Works excessively long hours
- Unpaid or receives very little pay
- Not allowed to take breaks after working long hours

### What to Do Next

If you are able to talk to him/her alone without fear of being caught, you can ask these questions:

- Can you leave your job or home when you want?
- Are you or your family being threatened?
- Are you afraid of your employer?
- Was your passport or ID taken from you upon arrival?

Services can include these API languages:

Thai	Vietnamese
Khmer	Tagalog
Bangla	Urdu
Hindi	Chinese
Japanese	(Mandarin/ Cantonese)
Nepali	Gujarati
Korean	



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## **APIHTTF:** **What We Do**

The Asian Pacific Islander Human Trafficking Task Force provides specialized services to API human trafficking victims and survivors.

Services include:

**Case management:**

- Government benefits
- Housing options
- Social and human services

**Legal services:**

- Immigration Relief (e.g.T-Visa), Civil Lawsuits, and Administrative Claims for Discrimination and Unpaid Wages

**Mental health services :**

- Screening and treatment for mental health conditions (i.e. depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, anxiety)



Office for Victims of Crime Grant Funded Agencies:

- Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC)
- Pacific Asian Counseling Services (PACS)
- Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT)
- South Asian Network (SAN)
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)
- Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)
- Korean American Family Services (KFAM)
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ)

**Other agencies:**

- Crittenton Services for Children and Families U.S.
- U.S. Department of Labor-Wage and Hour Division
- Faith and Community Empowerment
- Los Angeles District Attorney's Victim Services LA
- City Transgender Advisory Council
- Pilipino Workers Center (PWC) International
- Institute of Los Angeles(IILA)

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