WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.*

Victims can be transported using all modes of transportation, including airways, either alone or with a trafficker.**

Victims can be of any gender, age, background, citizenship (including U.S.), or have any immigration status.

*Any minor (under the age of 18) engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking according to federal law, regardless of whether there is force, fraud, or coercion.
**Trafficking does not require movement, border crossing, or transportation.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Call 911 or contact local authorities

Report human trafficking 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-866-347-2423 (U.S./Canada)

+1 802-872-6199 (International)

For more information about combating human trafficking, visit dhs.gov/bluecampaign

The Department of Homeland Security and Department of Transportation’s Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI) trains U.S. commercial airlines and their employees to identify potential human trafficking victims and notify federal authorities. BLI, one of the lines of effort within the DHS Blue Campaign, is a joint initiative led by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Transportation.

The United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Department of Transportation are Federal agencies of the United States Government and are separate and distinct entities from this Association.
### Indicators of Human Trafficking

If you notice a person or group of people that have:

- **No control of travel identification/documents**
- **No freedom of movement/social interaction**
- **Difficulty articulating reasonable/logical travel plans**
- **A non-genuine relationship; particularly parent/guardian-child**

### Recognizing Possible Human Trafficking

If you notice any human trafficking indicator(s):

**✓ DO** report your observations via airline reporting protocol, flight deck communications, or the tip lines.

**✗ DO NOT** confront the suspected trafficker/victim to ensure the safety of the suspected victim, yourself, and others on the flight.

**✗ DO NOT** draw unnecessary attention to yourself, the suspected trafficker, or suspected victim that may alert them to your suspicions.

When you observe indicators of suspected human trafficking activity, you should report them right away.

It is critical to include as many details about the suspected trafficker/victim as possible, such as:

- Whether they are currently in-flight
- Airline, flight number(s), seat number(s), arrival city, landing time, and connecting flight(s), if known
- Identities (names, citizenship, etc.)
- Physical descriptions
- Indicator(s) you saw/heard

### Reporting A Tip

When you call the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) tip line, identify your tip as a Blue Lightning Initiative or BLI tip.

**On the Ground: ICE/HSI 24hr Tip Line**
- **U.S./Canada:** 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (347-2423) (toll-free)
- **International:** +1 802-872-6199

**In-Flight**
- **Airline Reporting Protocol**
- **Flight Deck Communications**
  Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS) or Domestic Event Network (DEN)

**Federal Air Marshal Service**
There may be a Federal Air Marshal (FAM) on your flight. While the FAM’s primary concern is aviation security, you may inform him or her of suspected human trafficking—if you can do so without compromising the FAM’s anonymity. Because of the sensitivity of the FAM’s mission, use this option only as a last resort.