HUMAN TRAFFICKING MYTHBUSTER

Know the Facts. Spot the Signs. Help End Exploitation.

MYTH	FACT
1. Human trafficking only happens in other countries. It's a far-away problem.	Human trafficking happens in every country, including our own communities.
2. Only certain people become victims. It only happens to women or children.	Anyone can become a victim—regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, or background.
3. Trafficking always involves movement across borders. It means smuggling people from one country to another.	It can happen within the same city, state, or country. Movement is not a requirement for human trafficking.
4. If someone agrees to the job, it can't be trafficking. They chose to be there.	Traffickers use force, fraud, coercion, or deception. Consent does not mean there is no exploitation.
5. If the person is paid, it's not trafficking. They're just being paid to work.	Trafficking is about exploitation and control, not payment. Victims may be underpaid, not paid, or have their money taken.
6. Victims are always physically restrained. Traffickers always lock people up.	Control can be mental, emotional, or psychological —not just physical.
7. I would definitely recognize it if I saw it. It's easy to spot.	Trafficking can be hidden in plain sight. Victims may not ask for help.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A CRIME AND A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Awareness is the first step. Compassion is the next. Action can save lives.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Stay informed
- Trust your instincts
- Look for the signs
- Report your concerns

REPORT IT. GET HELP.

If you suspect human trafficking, contact local authorities or a trusted anti-trafficking organization.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Your awareness, your voice, and your action can help end human trafficking.