

## CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS IN IOWA

According to the Iowa Code 915:

- Right to an Advocate
- Right to Compensation
- Right to Notification
- Right to Restitution
- Right to make a Victim Impact Statement

### For More Information Contact:

Iowa Attorney General's Office  
Crime Victim Assistance Division



321 E 12th St  
Lucas State Office Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
(800) 373-5044  
cvadinfo@ag.iowa.gov

## Human Trafficking Hotlines

Iowa Victim Service Call Center  
1-800-770-1650

or text 'IOWAHELP' to 20121

National Human Trafficking Hotline  
1-888-373-7888

or text 'INFO' to BeFREE (233733)

**IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE NEED HELP,  
CALL THE HOTLINE TO:**

- Find immediate help
- Talk to someone for support
- Get resources to remain safe
- Assess whether a situation is likely human trafficking

## Human Trafficking:



**Human Trafficking:** The act of exploiting a person by force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of labor services and/or commercial sex acts. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.

## POSSIBLE PERSONAL INDICATORS

- Reluctant to accept assistance
- Fearful, timid, unable to make eye contact
- Loss of sense of time/physical exhaustion
- Has unusual scars/brands/tattoos
- Shows signs of drug/alcohol addiction
- Not allowed to speak for themselves
- Transported to-from work or lives and works in the same place
- Shows signs of physical/sexual abuse or neglect - malnutrition, dehydration
- Consistent, coached story—may lie about age and situation
- Unable to articulate home or destination address

## ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

- > *Do you have your ID/passport? Who has it?*
- > *What kind of work do you do?*
- > *Are you being paid?*
- > *Can you leave if you want?*
- > *Have you or your family been threatened?*
- > *What are your work and living conditions like?*
- > *Has anyone forced you to have sex?*
- > *Where do you sleep and eat?*
- > *Have you contacted your family recently?*
- > *Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep, or go to the bathroom?*
- > *What would happen if you didn't do what you were told to do?*
- > *Have you ever run away? What did you do to survive?*

## POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS

- \*Few personal possessions
- \*Signs that people live in inappropriate space (too many for space, etc)
- \*Unusually heavy security precautions - multiple cameras, blacked out windows
- \*Lack of appropriate safety equipment for work being done
- \*Multiple hotel key cards, ID cards
- \*Presence of out-of-place expensive cars, jewelry, etc
- \*Materials used for tattooing/branding in non-hygienic areas
- \*Not dressed appropriately for weather/ conditions