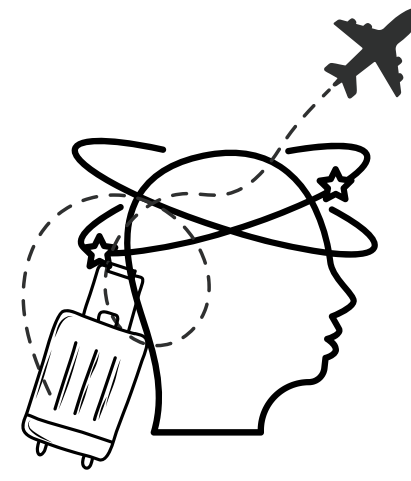


The Rise of Human Trafficking During the Holidays

Increased Vulnerability During Festive Seasons



Statistically, human trafficking cases tend to spike during the holiday season.



Holiday rush and increased travel create distractions, enabling traffickers to operate more discreetly.



Traffickers exploit vulnerabilities in airports, hotels, malls, and other tourist spots during this time.

Trafficking Tactics During the Holidays



Traffickers scout transportation hubs such as airports, train stations, and bus terminals to transport victims, taking advantage of the holiday chaos.



Like during other parts of the year, they often lure victims through false promises of lucrative jobs, especially targeting vulnerable populations like runaway youth, immigrants, and seasonal workers.



Like the rest of the year, social media and online platforms can provide traffickers with an anonymous gateway to potential victims.

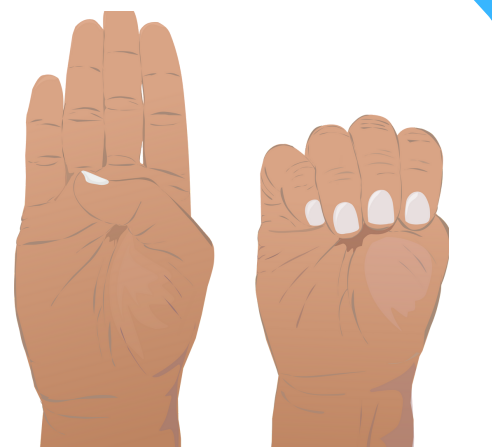
Recognizing Signs



Be aware of red flags such as a lack of official documents, physical abuse indicators, avoidance of eye contact, and seemingly scripted interaction.



Be cautious when encountering individuals checking into hotels with older companions, especially if they are using terms like "boyfriend", "girlfriend", or "daddy".



Keep abreast and recognize discreet signals for help.

Visit the Because Organization website for more educational and prevention information.

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