HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MCLEAN COUNTY

What is Human Trafficking?

The American Nurses Association identifies human trafficking as a health issue. "Human trafficking is an often hidden example of violating human rights. It occurs when vulnerable persons are exploited in sex industries or labor markets."

Warning Signs and Indicators

- Victims can be anyone
- Physical signs: bruises, cutsweight loss, etc.
- Non-physical signs: fear, nervousness, malnourishment, lack of sleep, anxiety, etc
- Fear of being touched
- Apprehensive to talk to you
- Environment: Overcrowded, unsanitary, unsafe conditions

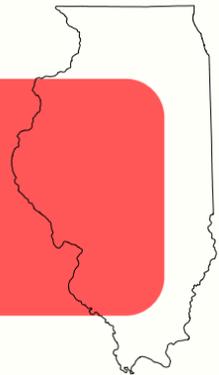**11TH** Illinois is ranked 11th regarding human trafficking in the U.S.

Illinois City Rankings

Chicago #1   Peoria #3
Rockford #2   Champaign #4

In 2020, there were a total of 252 cases of human trafficking in Illinois with sex trafficking being the highest of these cases ("Hotline Statistics", 2020).

How to Report

No one sign is a definite indicator, but do not ignore your suspicions. It is okay to be wrong.
To report: Call the international number on the National Human Trafficking hotline **(888)-373-7888** OR Contact Arnold Health Services **(309)-556-1111** OR Counseling and Consultation Services **(309)-556-3052** for **confidential** reporting.

Resources

Children's Advocacy Center: Bloomington, IL
Catalyst Ministries: Bloomington, IL
Center for Prevention and Abuse: Peoria, IL

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