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Labor Trafficking in Wisconsin & the U.S.



Labor trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a person is forced to perform work via force, fraud or coercion



Victims are unable to leave their situation

In Wisconsin, victims are found most often in:



Restaurants



Agriculture



Landscaping

A Hidden Crime: Living in Fear

VICTIMS MAY BE:

- ✓ Living in fear of U.S. authorities
- ✓ Unable to speak English
- ✓ Unfamiliar with surroundings
- ✓ Isolated, guarded or threatened psychologically
- ✓ Required to pay recruitment fees
- ✓ Unaware of their legal rights
- ✓ Culturally isolated

14 million

Victims worldwide of labor exploitation; 5.5 million are children



55% are women and girls; 45% are men and boys

Top Industries

1. Agriculture
2. Restaurants/foodservice
3. Landscaping
4. Hotels/Hospitals
5. Construction
6. Housekeeping
7. Commercial cleaning
8. Recreational facilities
9. Manufacturing
10. Health/Beauty



Victims are forced to work **Long Hours with Little or NO Pay**



TRAFFICKERS USE VIOLENCE, THREATS, AND LIES; WITHHOLD DOCUMENTS & PAYMENT; CONTROL MOVEMENT OF VICTIMS

"...all people are equal and must be accorded the same freedom and the same dignity. Modern slavery...is a crime against humanity."

--Pope Francis

58%

reported paying a recruitment fee

10%

paid a fee for a job that didn't exist

52%

were not shown a work contract

Request Help / Report Tips

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-3737-888

or text

"Help" to 233733 (BeFree)

Sources:

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