



If you or someone you know is being forced, coerced, or manipulated into work or sexual activity in exchange for basic needs or items of value (such as food, shelter, or money), help is available.

Please visit the HaysMed Emergency Department or call **785-623-5555** and request a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). Our team is here to provide compassionate, confidential care and support.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:  
**1-888-373-7888.**



### Resources and Publications

Raise awareness and learn more about human trafficking:

#### Office of Kansas Attorney General

Victims Services Division  
[www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov)

#### U.S. Department of State

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons  
[www.state.gov/j/tip](http://www.state.gov/j/tip)

#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/resources>

#### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Office on Trafficking in Persons  
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip>

#### U.S. Department of Justice

<https://www.justice.gov/humantrafficking>

#### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Investigative Programs, Crimes Against Children  
[www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/cac/crimesmain.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/cac/crimesmain.htm)

#### National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

[www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org)

#### Report suspicious activity to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Call (800) KS-CRIME.  
Report online at [www.kbi.ks.gov/sar](http://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar)

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## Recognize. Respond. Report.

Combating human trafficking together.





## What Is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is the exploitation of individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for labor or commercial sex. It can happen anywhere, including western Kansas, and often goes unnoticed. Since its launch, the Kansas Human Trafficking Hotline has identified over 900 cases and nearly 1,800 victims. Learn to recognize the signs at [dhs.gov/blue-campaign](https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign).

## Who Is at Risk?

Trafficking often targets vulnerable populations, including youth, runaways, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ individuals. Warning signs may include grooming behaviors, sudden changes in behavior, and online exploitation through social media.

## Common myth - It can't happen here

Fact - It is happening here, It can happen in any community. The question is, do you recognize the signs?

Here are some common indicators to help recognize human trafficking:

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive? Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seem to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the

presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking. Reference: <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/indicators-human-trafficking>

## What You Can Do

At HaysMed, we understand that moments of trauma and crisis are incredibly difficult, and accessing the right care is crucial. That's why our Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program and Forensic Program provide compassionate, patient-centered care to those who have experienced abuse, assault, or neglect.

The HaysMed Human Trafficking Committee provides specialized training for healthcare professionals and community members, equipping them to recognize and respond to signs of trafficking in clinical settings. Through education and collaboration, especially in rural areas like western Kansas, HaysMed leads efforts to protect vulnerable individuals and support survivors.

