WHERE’S MY MONEY?

Money is the reason that we work. If you are working for little or no pay, there could be a BIG problem. Especially if you were tricked or forced to do the work, or you’re unable to leave that work.

COULD IT BE TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is when a person is tricked or forced to do sex or labor work. Trafficking, also called forced labor, can happen anywhere there are jobs. Even if that’s informal work like begging, sex, or drug sales. If you’re being forced to work or are scared to leave, it might be trafficking.

YOU HAVE RIGHTS—WE’RE HERE TO HELP YOU.

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AM I BEING EXPLOITED?

You may be in a trafficking situation if you answer yes to 1 or more of these questions:

- Do you feel scared to leave or pressured to stay in your job?
- Are you working very long hours and/or not provided breaks?
- Are you unpaid or paid very little?
- Does someone else control your money, ID, passport, or property?
- Do you owe a large debt you’re not able to pay off?
- Have you been threatened, hurt, or blackmailed by your employer?
- Is your job different than what you were promised?
- Are you working in the sex industry with a pimp/manager?
- Are under 18 and trading sex for money, food, clothes, a place to sleep?

YOU ARE NOT A CRIMINAL.

Louisiana prohibits all kinds of forced labor, whether that is sex or labor work. No matter your race, immigration status, gender, age, how you make money, or anything else: Forced sex or labor is trafficking.

RESOURCES

We believe you. You have rights. You are not alone. We are here to help.

If you’re in immediate danger, call 911.

NATIONAL HOTLINES

- National Human Trafficking hotline: 1-888-3737-888
- National Runaway Safeline: 1-800-RUNAWAY
- Rape, Abuse. Incest National Network (RAINN): 1-800-656-HOPE
- Dept. of Labor Wage and Hour helpline: 1-866-487-9243

LOCAL SHELTER

- Covenant House New Orleans (24/7 crisis shelter): 504-584-1111
- Baptist Friendship House: 504-949-4469

LOCAL LEGAL SERVICES

- Catholic Charities: 504-310-6873
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services: 504-529-1000

Call 888-3737-888 or text "INFO" to 233733

For more information, visit www.nolatrafficking.org/services/

LOCAL RESOURCES

- New Orleans Family Justice Center (24/7 crisis line): 504-866-9554
- Jewish Family Service: 504-831-8475
- Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS): 855-4LA-KIDS
- ViaLink: 211 OR 504-269-2673

All of these resources are free!