

OVC Anti-Human Trafficking Project: Force, Fraud, Coercion

Check all that apply:

FORCE	
	Beating/slapping
	Beating with objects (bat, tools, chains, belts, hangers, canes, cords)
	Displays or uses weapons
	Burning of personal items
	Sexual assault
	Rape/gang rape (uses rape as a means of control)
	Forces victim to have sex with multiple people in a day
	Confinement/locked in
	Accompanies to public places
	Removal from familiarity and support structures; moves victim to multiple locations
	Torture practices (deprivation of food and water, various forms of bondage)
	Seasoning/initiation (re-naming, forced sexual education, etc)
	Harms or kills others to show force (children, family, loved ones)
	Destroys property
	Denies access to children, family, friends
	Doesn't allow victim to learn English
	Treats victim as an object used for monetary gain
	Treats victim like a servant

FRAUD	
	False promises
	Deceitful enticing and affectionate behavior
	Withholding wages; takes some or all the money earned
	Creates debt bondage that can never be repaid
	Forbids victim to have access to their finances or bank account
	Lying about working conditions
	Lying about the promise of 'a better life'
	Preying on desperation and poverty
	Blackmail, extortion
	Lying about police involvement in the trafficking situation
	Creates distrust of police/others
	Denies anything illegal is occurring
	Hides or destroys important papers
	Forbids victim to go to school

NOTES:

COERCION*	
	Threats of serious harm or restraint (to client)
	Threats of serious harm or restraint (to children, family, loved ones)
	Threatens to shame victim to community
	Threatened abuse of legal process
	Threatens to report to police/immigration
	Intimidation/humiliation (pimp circle)
	Emotional abuse (calls names, plays mind games, humiliates in front of others)
	Makes victim feel guilt, blame for the situation
	Makes light of the abuse or situation; normalizes sexual violence and selling sex
	Climate of fear
	Modeling abusive behavior
	Controlling daily life skills
	Creating dependency
	Establishing quotas
	Uses certain victims to control other victims
	Uses nationality to suggest superiority
	Defines gender roles to make subservient

*TVPA defines *coercion*:

- threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person;
- any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that failure to perform an act would result in serious harm to or physical restraints against any person; or
- the abuse or threatened abuse of law or the legal process.