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

In Wisconsin, victims are found most often in:

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

Victims worldwide of labor exploitation; 5.5 million are children

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

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Victims are forced to work long hours with little or no pay

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

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

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