

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (AGO) Protects Workers' Rights

Labor trafficking happens when someone uses threats or harm (including financial harm), to force someone to perform work. This is also called forced services, and it is a crime in Massachusetts. Anyone who forces another person to work in this way, or benefits as a result of the work, could face imprisonment and fines.

To send a tip or make a report to the AGO, please contact:

Email: labortrafficking@mass.gov

Online form: www.mass.gov/ago/wagetheft

Phone: 617-727-3465 or 617-420-6315

Use our web-based tool to Recognize and Evaluate Signs to Uncover Labor Trafficking: www.mass.gov/ago/result

A worker might be a victim of labor trafficking if they:

- Don't speak for themselves.
- Look scared, nervous, or act submissive around their boss or coworkers.
- Wear the same clothes every day or don't have proper work gear.
- Don't have control of their ID, passport, or immigration papers.
- Are isolated from others.
- Live at their workplace or a place chosen by their employer.
- Suffer poor hygiene or untreated injuries.
- Don't get paid or can't access their wages.
- Feel forced to pay off a debt to their employer.



These are warning signs, but not proof of trafficking.

For more help, visit: www.mass.gov/ago/lt