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### TYPES OF TRAFFICKING CASES IN THE UNITED STATES

The following document provides a brief overview of the types of trafficking cases that have emerged within the United States including, both sex and labor trafficking, as well as domestic and transnational trafficking. The following list is not exhaustive, and the potential presence of human trafficking occurring within each of the industries listed below should be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Labor Trafficking**

- Domestic Servitude/Domestic Worker Cases
  - Nannies
  - Maids/Housekeepers
- Small Businesses/“Mom and Pop” Operations
  - Landscaping
  - Nail salons
  - Restaurants
  - Industrial cleaning
  - Construction
  - Hospitality
- Peddling Rings/Sales Crews
  - Magazine sales crews
  - Flowers/Candy sales crews
- Large-Scale Labor Cases
  - Agricultural
  - Factory settings (i.e. garments; food processing)
  - Other large factory work environments (i.e. industrial welding)

#### **Sex Trafficking**

- “Hostess” Bar/Club Operations with Inflated-Price Schemes
  - These cases may be classified as labor trafficking if commercial sex acts do not occur. However, these operations often involve some linkage with commercial sex acts.
  - Eastern European/Russian stripping or exotic dancing “Go-Go Clubs”
  - Latino cantina bars
  - Asian room salons, hostess clubs, and other karaoke clubs
  - Domestic strip clubs and gentleman’s clubs
- Residential/Underground Brothel Settings
  - Residential brothels can be based in homes, apartments, hotel/motel rooms, trailer parks, mobile trailers, and other outdoor locations.

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- Residential brothels are diverse and can include both foreign born and US citizen populations.
  
- Escort Services (Both Incall and Outcall)
  - Bar/Hotel-based
  - Internet-based
  - Private parties (house, club, lap dance clubs)
  - Boat cruises
  - Phone chat lines
  
- Pimp-Controlled Prostitution
  - Hotel-based
  - Internet/Escort-based
  - Private parties
  - Street-based
  - Truck stops
  - Other miscellaneous locations

### **Other**

- International Marriage Brokers/Servile marriage
- Personal sexual servitude

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