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she or he may be presumed to be a trafficked person.

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Domestic servitude

Trafficked persons clean houses, do laundry and other domestic chores, care for children and elderly persons, must be available at all times and receive very little or no pay for their work. People exploited in domestic servitude are often physically and sexually abused.

Forced labour

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POCKET CARD ORDER FORM



Cardstock

12 cm x 17 cm

These cards contain information on human trafficking including our toll free number for persons in need of assistance to call. The cards are intended to reach front line services providers, potential trafficked persons, and interested community members, and are available in 9 languages.

Agency name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Please enter number of cards required in each language:

English		Punjabi	
French		Spanish	
Chinese		Swahili	
Filipino		Vietnamese	
Korean		Russian	

Please complete the order form and return it via Fax to (250) 953-4756.

Thank you.

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