

RESOURCES

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
24 hour. Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
Text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733
<http://traffickingresourcecenter.org>

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)
1-800-656-4673 (24 hour)

National Dating Abuse Helpline
1-866-331-9474 (24 hour)

Runaway and Homeless Youth
1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-7876-2929) (24 hour)

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) Los Angeles
<http://castla.org> – 1-888-539-2373 (24 hours)

SAGE Project (Standing Against Global Exploitation), San Francisco
<http://sagesf.org> – (415) 905-5050



ABOUT US

The Victims of Crime Resource Center is located on the McGeorge School of Law campus in Sacramento, California.

We educate victims and their families, victim service providers and other victim advocates on:

- Victims' legal rights,
- Victims compensation,
- Restitution,
- Civil suits, and
- Additional rights of domestic violence and abuse victims (including elders, children, and people with disabilities).

We also offer:

- Technical assistance and legal research to victim service providers, and
- Free "Know Your Rights" presentations to community groups.

We operate 1-800-VICTIMS, the statewide, toll-free hotline that gives confidential information and referrals to victims, their families, victim service providers, and victim advocates.

The hotline is staffed by McGeorge law students and supervised by lawyers.

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www.1800victims.org

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that uses force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of sex acts or labor services against their will. Human trafficking is a crime and is a violation of both federal and California law.

WHO IS A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Anyone can be a victim of human trafficking. Human trafficking does not discriminate when choosing victims.

Victims can be men, women, and children of any race or economic class. Victims come from every corner of the world and can be US citizens, lawfully admitted immigrants, and undocumented immigrants.

WHERE DOES HUMAN TRAFFICKING OCCUR?

Human trafficking happens in many places in our own communities.

Labor trafficking commonly occurs in:

- Hotels
- Factories
- Restaurants
- Construction sites
- Nail salons

Sex trafficking commonly occurs in:

- Massage parlors
- Motels
- Online escort services
- Street prostitution/strip clubs



IMPACT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Traffickers exploit roughly 20.9 million victims globally each year. As many as 10,000 people live in slavery-like conditions in the Los Angeles area alone. However, because trafficking victims are difficult to spot, many cases go unreported.

Human trafficking generates billions of dollars in profit every year through victimizations and is the fastest growing crime in the 21st century



WARNING SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

There is a good chance you have encountered a victim of trafficking. Signs that a person is a victim of human trafficking include:

- Fearful, anxious, depressed, tense, or paranoid behavior.
- Suddenly dropping out of school or work
- Signs of malnourishment or bruises in various stages of healing.
- Multiple workers crammed into a small space.
- Working long hours with no breaks and little to no pay.
- Not being in control of finances or identification documents.
- Unable to clarify or provide an address for where they are living.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you are a victim or suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking:

- Call 911
- If there is no immediate danger, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center or other resources listed in this brochure.

Trust your judgment. If a situation or individual makes you uncomfortable, trust that feeling and keep the following tips in mind:

- Always keep all important documents and identification in your possession.
- Keep important numbers with you at all times.
- Make sure to keep a way to contact people (cell phone or phone card), access to your bank account, and any needed medication with you at all times
- Document any unwanted contact by your trafficker and save any threatening voice-mails, texts, emails, etc.

IMMIGRATION RELIEF

Undocumented victims of human trafficking are often fearful of deportation or imprisonment, so they avoid contacting law enforcement for help. There is immigration relief for undocumented victims.

The T Nonimmigrant Status (T visa) is a visa allowing certain victims of trafficking and immediate family members to stay and work temporarily in the U.S. if they agree to assist law enforcement in testifying against the offenders. For more information on applying for a T-visa, contact us at 1-800-VICTIMS (842-8467).