

Resources

National Human Trafficking Hotline

24-hour Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Text “Be Free” to 233733

humantraffickinghotline.org

California Coalition for Youth

1-800-843-5200

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) Los Angeles

1-888-539-2373 (24 hours)

<http://castla.org>

About Us

The Victims of Crime Resource Center is located on the Pacific McGeorge School of Law campus in Sacramento, California. Our services are **free**. Our expert staff know the latest information in the field. 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 all crime victims (including elders, children, and people with disabilities).

We also offer:

- Technical assistance and legal research for victim service providers.
- 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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1-800-VICTIMS (842-8467)

TTY: 916-739-7083

www.1800VICTIMS.org

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What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is a kind of slavery where people are forced, pressured, or tricked to work or do sex acts against their will. Human trafficking is a state and federal crime.

Who are victims of human trafficking?

Anyone can be a victim of human trafficking. Human trafficking does not discriminate. Victims can be:

- Men and women,
- Adults and children,
- People of any race or economic class, and
- U.S. citizens, legal residents, and undocumented immigrants.

Where does human trafficking happen?

It can happen in many places within our own communities.

Labor trafficking often happens in:

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

Sex trafficking often happens in:

- Massage parlors
- Motels
- Online escort services
- Strip clubs/street prostitution

How many people are trafficked?

Each year, there are about **40.3 million** trafficking victims around the world. Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. every year. But trafficking victims are difficult to spot. That means many cases are not reported.

Human trafficking is the third largest crime industry in the world. Victimized human beings produces **billions of dollars** in profit every year. It is the fastest growing crime of our century.



Warning Signs of Human Trafficking

You have probably met a victim of human trafficking. Here are some warning signs to watch for:

- Afraid, anxious, depressed, tense, or paranoid behavior
- Suddenly drops out of school or work
- Seems malnourished and may have new and old bruises
- Crammed into a small space with several other workers
- Works long hours with no breaks and little or no pay
- Not in control of his or her own finances or identification documents
- Unable to provide the address or explain where they live

How to Get Help

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

- Call 911.
- If the danger is not immediate, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline or another resource in this brochure.

Trust your judgment if a situation or person makes you feel uncomfortable.

You should always:

- Keep all important documents and ID with you.
- Keep important phone numbers with you.
- Keep a way to contact people (cell phone or phone card), access your bank account, and get any needed medicines.
- Document any unwanted contact by your trafficker, and save any threatening voicemails, texts, emails, etc.

Help for Immigrants

If you are undocumented and a victim of human trafficking, you may be afraid to ask for help. You may be afraid of being deported or sent to jail. But there is a special program to help undocumented victims. It is called the T visa.

The T visa lets some victims of human trafficking and their immediate family members stay and work temporarily in the U.S. if they agree to help law enforcement with their case.

To learn how to apply for a T-Visa, contact us at: **1-800-VICTIMS (842-8467)**