

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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SUPPORT SURVIVORS

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What Is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain. Every year, millions of men, women and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States.

It is estimated that human trafficking generates billions of dollars a year, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime. Human trafficking is a hidden crime as victims rarely come forward to seek help because of language barriers, fear of the traffickers and/or fear of law enforcement.

Traffickers use force, fraud or coercion to lure their victims into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that most may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help.

Sex Trafficking is the exploitation of an adult or a child who engages in commercial sexual activity for financial gain. Sex trafficking charges may be brought in cases in which adult victims are deprived of their liberty. Victims of sex trafficking often are forced to engage in prostitution, exotic dancing or pornography. Any sexually exploited child may be a sex trafficking victim even if there is no force or coercion. Any minor who is induced, caused or persuaded to engage in commercial sexual activity is a victim of human sex trafficking.

Labor Trafficking is the exploitation of a person for labor or for services through force, fraud or coercion. Labor trafficking victims often are forced into domestic servitude, agricultural work, restaurant work or sweatshop factory work.

Facts About Human Trafficking

- It is estimated that 80 percent of trafficking involves sexual exploitation and 20 percent involves labor exploitation.
- According to the United States Department of State, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80 percent are female and half are children.
- The average age of a child entering the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14 years old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.

Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program

The Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program is comprised of specially trained victim services representatives who are strategically assigned throughout the county to assist minor and adult victims of trafficking. These representatives work as a team with prosecutors, law enforcement, social workers and other service providers to:

- Stop further abuse, identify suspects and hold them accountable
- Provide victims with crisis intervention and emergency shelter, food, counseling and clothing
- Make mental health counseling referrals to lessen trauma
- Provide criminal justice orientation, notification of proceedings and court support
- Arrange for coordination of services to transition victims into survivors



Helping Crime Victims

For Counseling Referrals



For Crisis Intervention



For Case Status Notification



For Emergency Assistance



For Restitution Assistance



For Court Escort



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Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Bureau of Victim Services
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Victim Assistance

The District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services is available in courthouses and police stations to assist victims and their families. Victim services representatives assist with emergency needs; counseling resources and referrals; restitution orders and return of personal property; orientation to the criminal justice system; court escort and support; and information on the status of filed cases.

Representatives assist victims of violence or the threat of violence in applying for compensation for crime-related losses from the California Victim Compensation Board. The representatives are specially trained to help sex trade and labor trafficking victims, child and adult victims and victims with disabilities.

Representatives are available to assist victims in all major languages. All services are free and there is no legal residency requirement.

Report a Crime

It is impossible for law enforcement officials to be aware of every trafficking case in their area without support and tips from the community. It is up to you to take action when you suspect people are being held against their will. If you suspect a case of human trafficking, here are some of the questions to ask:

- Can you directly contact the victim?
- Do you suspect the victim is being abused?
- Does the victim want to leave their situation?
- What language does the victim speak?
- What type of work does the victim do?
- At what address is the victim being held?
- Who are the victim's employers?
- What makes you think this person is a victim of trafficking?

Who To Call For Help

If you believe you have information about a potential trafficking situation: **Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) toll-free hotline at 1-888-373-7888.** Hotline specialists are available around the clock to take reports of potential human trafficking. All reports are confidential and you may remain anonymous.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Human Trafficking Task Force 323-526-5156

Los Angeles Police Department Human Trafficking Unit 213-486-0910

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Human Trafficking (CAST) Hotline 1-888-539-2373

Children of the Night 1-800-551-1300

Dream Center Human Trafficking Rescue..... 877-632-7234

Asian Americans Advancing Justice .. 213-977-7500

LA Regional Crime Stoppers..... 1-800-222-8477

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations 1-866-347-2423

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