

HOW CAN I REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

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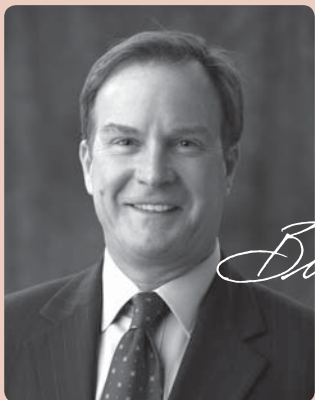
DEAR FRIENDS

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. It is the second largest criminal industry in the world.

Around the country, and right here in Michigan, men, women and children are forced into prostitution, domestic servitude and other labor for little or no pay. Yet, this problem has gone unnoticed because traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to hide their victims in the shadows.

Our Constitution's 13th Amendment guarantees that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist. As your Attorney General, and the top law enforcement officer in Michigan, upholding the Constitution and guaranteeing fundamental freedom for all is a top priority.

But I also need your help. This brochure is a guide to help you identify human trafficking in all its forms. I hope that you will share this information with your family, neighbors, and friends across the state. If you encounter it, please report it. Together we can put a stop to human trafficking in Michigan.



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If you think you have identified a victim of human trafficking, please contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at:

1-888-3737-888
CONFIDENTIAL CALL

This is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. Call to:

- Report a tip.
- Connect with anti-trafficking services in your area.
- Request training and technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Michigan Department of Attorney General
www.michigan.gov/humantrafficking

Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force 
www.humantrafficking.msu.edu

**University of Michigan -
Human Trafficking Clinic**
www.law.umich.edu/clinical/humantraffickingclinicalprogram

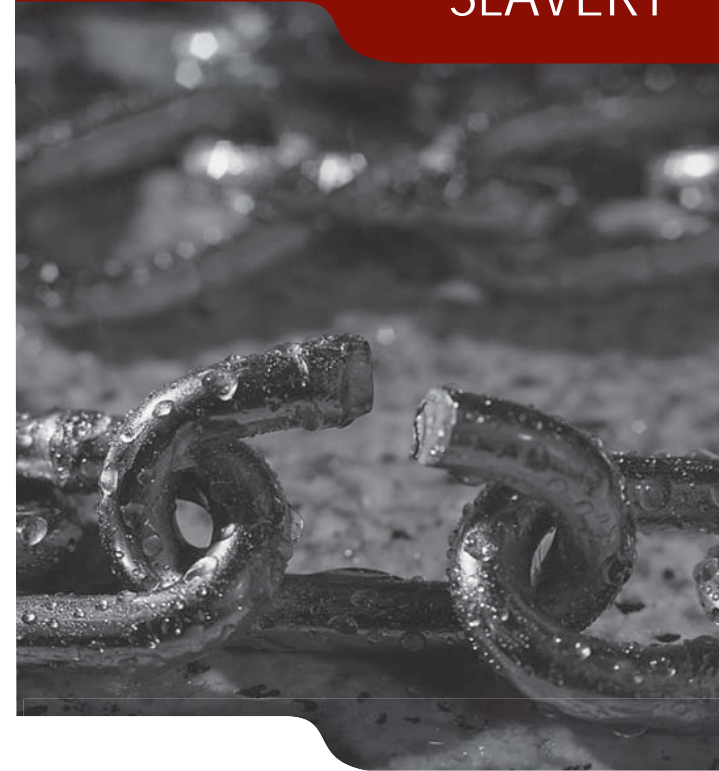
The Polaris Project
www.polarisproject.org

**U.S. Department of State - Office to Monitor
and Combat Trafficking in Persons**
www.state.gov/g/tip/

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
www.dhs.gov/files/programs/humantrafficking.shtm

**U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services - Campaign to Rescue and Restore
Victims of Human Trafficking**
www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: BREAK THE CHAINS OF MODERN-DAY SLAVERY



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking comes in two forms: sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

Sex Trafficking is the exploitation of a person for commercial sexual activity through force, fraud, or coercion. Victims of sex trafficking are often forced to engage in prostitution, exotic dancing, or pornography. Importantly, any sexually exploited child is a trafficking victim, even if there is no force, fraud, or coercion.

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

WHO CAN BE A VICTIM?

Victims of human trafficking can be anyone, including men, women, children, adults, foreign nationals, or U.S. citizens.

HOW DO TRAFFICKERS CONTROL VICTIMS?

Force: physical restraint, transporting, beatings, rape.

Fraud: false offers of employment, marriage, or a better life.

Coercion: threats, destroying legal documents, abuse of the legal process, debt bondage, psychological abuse.

“I am committed to a new fight against this enslavement of our children. This is a warning for the criminals running these operations: Your time is up.”

- Bill Schuette, Attorney General

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND FIGURES

- Human trafficking is not a choice. A person cannot consent to become enslaved. Victims want to escape, but cannot.
- Human trafficking is not smuggling. Smuggling is transportation; trafficking is exploitation.
- Human trafficking does not require that a victim be moved over state or international borders.
- Approximately 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked in the U.S. every year.
- Human trafficking is a \$32 billion global industry.

CHILDREN AT RISK

- 40 percent of human trafficking cases involve the sexual exploitation of a child.
- Between 100,000 and 300,000 children are at risk for sexual exploitation in the U.S., with an average age of 11 to 14 years old.
- It is estimated that 76 percent of transactions for sex with underage girls start on the Internet.

IDENTIFYING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

If you suspect something is wrong, ask yourself these questions:

- Are there bruises or other signs of physical abuse?
- Are there signs of psychological abuse?
- Is the person submissive or fearful?
- Is the person being controlled?
- Is the person being deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other life necessities?
- Is the person allowed to be in public alone?
- Can the person freely contact friends or family?
- Is the person a minor engaged in commercial sex?
- Does a minor appear to be in a relationship with a much older person?
- Does the person fear his or her employer?
- Can the person leave their job situation if they want?
- Has someone threatened the person’s family?
- Does the person have identification?
- Does the person know his or her own address?

See the back panel of this brochure for information on how to report human trafficking.

