

Report human trafficking: It's the law!

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Suspicious Activity Line:
1-866-347-2423

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Victim Assistance Program:
1-866-872-4973



How can one help a victim of trafficking?



- ◆ Report suspicious activity by calling the local police or 911.
- ◆ Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at **1-888-373-7888**.

For additional information please visit:

Connecticut Coalition
Against Trafficking
ctcoalitionagainstrafficking.org

Connecticut Department of
Children and Families:
www.ct.gov/dcf

Connecticut Office of Victim Services
<http://www.jud.ct.gov/crimevictim/>

United Nations Office on
Drugs and Crime
www.unodc.org

U.S. Immigration and Customs
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Stop Human Trafficking



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Office of the **Victim
Advocate**

What is human trafficking?

- ◆ A modern form of slavery in which people are recruited, harbored, and transported for the purpose of exploitation.
- ◆ Sex trafficking specifically involves any form of sexual exploitation such as prostitution, pornography, or commercial sexual entertainment.
- ◆ Labor trafficking occurs when people work as indentured servants.

The Statistics

- ◆ Over 50% of human trafficking victims are children.
- ◆ Approximately [27 million](#) adults and [13 million](#) children are currently enslaved around the world — more slavery than ever in the history of the world.
- ◆ Between 100,000 and 300,000 American children are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation at any time.



How can you tell if someone is a victim of human trafficking?

A victim may exhibit some of the following signs:

- ◆ Receives little or no payment for their work.
- ◆ Has no access to their earnings.
- ◆ Is unable to leave their work environment.
- ◆ Has a false identity or no travel documents.
- ◆ Is unfamiliar with the local language.
- ◆ Works excessively.
- ◆ Has no contact with their family or friends.
- ◆ Suffers injuries that seem to be a result of physical or sexual abuse.

What are the trafficking laws in Connecticut?

- ◆ Section §53a-192a makes trafficking in persons a Class B felony in Connecticut.
- ◆ A person is guilty of human trafficking when he or she compels or induces another person, through coercion, fraud, or use of force against the person or a third person, to:
 - ◆ Engage in more than one occurrence of sexual contact with at least one third person, or:
 - ◆ Provide labor or services the person has a legal right to refrain from providing.

What are the legal rights of a human trafficking victim in Connecticut?

- ◆ If a victim of trafficking is accused of prostitution, they possess a legal reason why they should not be held liable for the charges based on affirmative defense.
- ◆ A victim can also assert the defense of duress to a prostitution charge in certain situations.
- ◆ If a 16 or 17 year old is charged with prostitution, it is assumed that an offender of human trafficking coerced them into such work.
- ◆ A police officer who arrests a 16 or 17 year old on prostitution charges is required to report suspected child abuse to the Department of Children and Families.

What are some federal protections for victims?

- ◆ Some victims of human trafficking may qualify for a U-visa or T-visa depending on their situation.
- ◆ Victims may also qualify for housing and food assistance.