



## ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

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### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is a violation of human rights, and it is a crime in the United States. It deprives a person of their liberty through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation, and includes any commercial sex act that involves a minor. It may appear in forms of involuntary servitude or the debt bondage of a person. Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), assistance can be provided to all victims. It is the fastest growing criminal activity globally and it takes place everywhere — even in Orange County.

### WHAT IS THE OCHTTF?

The Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) was established in 2004 and is a collaboration of law enforcement, victim services and community organizations, with a common goal to combat human trafficking. Currently, the OCHTTF co-chairs are the Anaheim Police Department and Community Service Programs. Lead agencies also include the Orange County Sheriff's Department, The Salvation Army, the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the California Highway Patrol, the FBI, the Public Law Center, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

OCHTTF General Meetings are open to the public and held on the last Wednesday of each month at: Community Service Programs (CSP), 1221 E. Dyer Rd., Suite 120, Santa Ana, CA 92705, 10:30am-11:30am. For more information and calendar updates, go to: [www.ochumantrafficking.com](http://www.ochumantrafficking.com).

If something doesn't look right and you think someone may be a victim or possible human trafficking activity, call the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline:**

**1-888-3737-888**

24/7 • free • anonymous

#### WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

- Victims appear to be controlled
- Someone else does all the talking
- Unable or fearful to leave work
- Someone else has their documents
- Fearful for family and self

#### WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Go to [www.ochumantrafficking.com](http://www.ochumantrafficking.com)
- Request a speaker for your group
- Donate to assist victims
- Volunteer your time or expertise
- Share what you know with others

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CALL THE HOTLINE?

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) Hotline is open for calls 24/7 and can also provide translation services to callers. The NHTRC is not a branch of law enforcement. Callers are not required to provide identification. Tips called in to the hotline may be referred to the OCHTTF to do an assessment and follow-up accordingly. The hotline is not an emergency response system. For immediate help, please call 911 or your local police department.

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## SEX TRAFFICKING

### Possible Settings:

- Street
- Hotel/Motel
- Massage Parlor
- Chiropractic Office
- Residential Home
- Strip Club
- Escort Service
- Modeling Agency
- Internet

### Warning Signs:

- ID/Passport Taken Away
- Bruises, Fractures
- Multiple Abortions
- Untreated STI/STD
- Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding
- Cigarette Burn Marks
- PTSD, Trauma
- Controlled Environment (Transportation, Needing Permission for Everything, Limited Freedom of Movement/Isolation)
- Paying off Debt/Owe Money
- Limited/No Family Contact
- Multiple Cell Phones
- Runaway/Missing Person
- Tattoo Branding
- Gang Affiliation

### Things to Consider:

- Vulnerability
  - ◆ History Sexual/Physical Abuse
  - ◆ Neglectful/Abusive Home
  - ◆ Age First Prostituted
  - ◆ Survival/Living on Streets
  - ◆ Low/No Education
- Manipulation
  - ◆ Creating False Sense of "Protected/Loving" Family
  - ◆ Prostitution Only Temporary
  - ◆ Stockholm Syndrome
- Fear
  - ◆ Personal Safety
  - ◆ Corruption
  - ◆ Deportation
  - ◆ Shame/Judgment

**Any commercial sex act or the commercial sexual exploitation of a person under the age of 18 is human trafficking.**

## COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (CSEC)

### Possible Settings:

- Internet
- Hotel/Motel
- Residential Home
- School
- Street
- Orphanage
- Group Home
- Shelters
- Bus Stops
- Parties

### Warning Signs:

- Frequent/Unexplained Truancy
- Chronically Runs Away from Home
- Depression, Withdrawn Behavior
- Sudden Change in Appropriate Attire
- Sexual References Beyond Age-Specific Norms
- Socializing with Noticeably Older Crowds (Access to Alcohol, Drugs, Night Club Culture)
- Possession of Unexplained Expensive Merchandise
- Sleep Deprivation, Exhaustion, Malnourishment
- Tattoo/Branding
- Sexting
- Multiple Cell Phones

### Things to Consider:

- Vulnerability
  - ◆ Age, Developmental Growth
  - ◆ Neglectful/Abusive Home
  - ◆ Child Abuse/Trauma
  - ◆ Distrust in Adults
  - ◆ Peer Pressure, Low-Self Esteem
  - ◆ Media/Social Influence
- Manipulation
  - ◆ False Sense of Love/Family
  - ◆ Brainwashing, Conditioning
- Fear
  - ◆ Shame/Judgment
  - ◆ Getting in Trouble
  - ◆ Arrest
  - ◆ Personal Safety

### INSIDE STORY

A 14-year old girl ran away from home to be with a "wonderful guy" who was in his mid-20s. They had great plans of living together and becoming rich. She thought it was everything she wanted until her boyfriend told her that if she loved him, she would help make money by having sex with men. It was too late to go back home. She was introduced to the other women he was pimping and shown how to make money for "the family". One night his friends came by their motel and raped her. Afterwards, he said that it wouldn't have happened if she had just listened to him in the first place. She was put on the streets to work right after the rape and met her first buyer. She had to make a quota of \$500, but on her first night she only made \$50. Her pimp took the money and beat her in front of the other girls to show everyone a lesson. The next day, she worked without sleep and came back with \$500 to give to her pimp. After the second day, her trafficker finally brought her something to eat. In order to make sure she had learned her lesson and never disobeyed him again, he locked her in the closet to sleep.

**CHILD TRAFFICKING IS CHILD ABUSE**

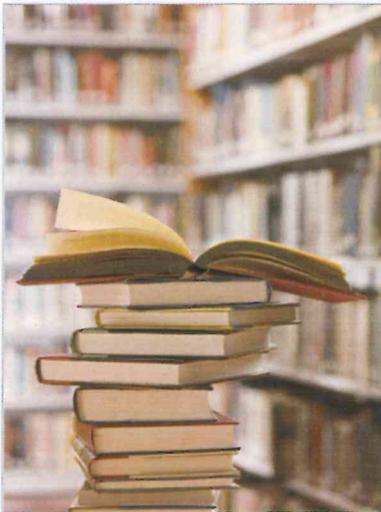


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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

**1-888-3737-888**



### INSIDE STORY

A 20-year old woman from a small village in Latin America learned of an opportunity from a friend to pursue her dreams of going to school and working for a family at the same time. After convincing her parents that this would help their family's economic situation, she left with the family to the US. But her dreams soon turned into a nightmare as she quickly realized the promises made were deceitful and just an illusion. For three years, she slept on a mattress in the family's kitchen. She was not allowed out of the house. She worked twelve hours straight, seven days a week. She cooked, cleaned, cared for the two infants and an elderly parent, and was responsible for all the household maintenance. Threats of deportation, verbal abuse and intimidation were constant. She was paid roughly 30 cents an hour.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is a heinous crime that deprives a person of their personal liberty for the exploitative purpose of performing labor services or commercial sex acts through the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Slavery is a state of being resulting from systemic violence and the tolerance of it. It is with the intention of subjecting violence, fear, and conditioning against a person's free will in order to carry out the duties of the services meant to derive financial gain. This condition builds a psychological handicap that is designed to create a disproportionate and purposeful setting of power and control to the advantage of the benefactors of the slavehood. There is little regard for human dignity or human rights.

Human trafficking happens all over the world, including Orange County. Victims of human trafficking come from all backgrounds, cultures, races, ages, genders and sexual orientations. Human trafficking is punishable by up to life in prison.

## LABOR TRAFFICKING

### Possible Settings:

- Agricultural Farm
- Elderly Care Facility
- Restaurant
- Residential Home
- Beauty Salon
- Car Wash
- Sweatshop
- Hotel/Motel

### Warning Signs:

- Documents/Passport Taken Away
- Legal Threats (Deportation, Prison, Criminal Record)
- Physical Violence
- Threats Against Family
- Little or No Pay
- Excessive Daily Work Hours
- Control/Restricted in Movement
- Malnourishment
- Paying off Debt
- Fines/Fees Added to Debt Bondage
- Limited or No Contact with Family
- Fraudulent Paperwork
- Money Laundering
- Expired Temporary Visa
- Sexual Harassment

### Things to Consider:

- Vulnerability:
  - ◆ Poverty
  - ◆ Low Education
  - ◆ Gender/Minority
  - ◆ Discrimination
  - ◆ Need to Provide for Family
  - ◆ Lack of Knowledge/ Understanding of Laws and Rights
- Manipulation:
  - ◆ Fraudulent Job Offer/ Opportunity
  - ◆ Cultural/Language Isolation
  - ◆ False Promise of Temporary Situation
- Fear:
  - ◆ Shame/Judgment
  - ◆ Corruption
  - ◆ Personal Information/ Safety
  - ◆ Retaliation Against Family
  - ◆ Connection to Organized Crime
  - ◆ Illegal Status/Deportation



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## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

1. **BECOME EDUCATED:** Understanding human trafficking is the first step in addressing the issue
2. **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS:** Connecting with neighbors allows you to be on the alert
  - *Trafficking can happen in your neighborhood. Victims can be your neighbor. Traffickers can be someone you know.*
3. **BE AWARE OF THE LAW:** Employing or assisting human trafficking operations is against the law. Know your rights. Let victims know their rights.
  - *Foreign victims may be fearful to speak out because of their immigration status. Let them know that they can receive protection and assistance through the Trafficking Victim Protection Act (TVPA).*
  - *Domestic victims of sex trafficking may be fearful due to prior prostitution arrests. Let them know that there are people who will help them and task forces that can assist.*
4. **KNOW HOW TO ACT:** Taking action if you suspect suspicious activity saves lives
  - *Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888. The hotline is free, anonymous and available 24/7. You can also go on the OCHTTF website at [www.ochumantrafficking.com](http://www.ochumantrafficking.com) to report suspicious activities. For emergencies, call 911.*
5. **PASS IT ON:** Sharing what you learn will help spread awareness and a community mindset
  - *Educate someone else, put together an educational or awareness event*
6. **SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY:** Volunteering is a great way to make a difference
  - *Volunteer with the OCHTTF and partner organizations. Schedule to go to a Task Force meeting.*
7. **BE A VOICE:** Lending your voice and sharing your ideas helps advocate for change
  - *Write to your legislators*
8. **TAKE A STAND:** Curbing the demand of products and services that promote and enable human trafficking
  - *Buy fair trade, ethical products produced from fair labor standards*
  - *Write to businesses about what they're doing to monitor and take action within their supply chain*
9. **LISTEN AND LEARN:** Most victims of human trafficking didn't believe it could happen to them
  - *Survivor empowerment starts with listening, not judging*
10. **SUPPORT EACH OTHER:** Building teamwork starts with trust and respect

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