

Services Available for Trafficking Victims

DOL can help victims of human trafficking, **regardless of immigration status**, by providing a variety of services or referrals to community organizations.

Available services include:

- Emergency temporary housing
- Food and other basic needs
- Recovery of unpaid wages
- Job skills training and placement
- Immigration and legal assistance
- Help with establishing permanent residence in the United States
- Mental and physical health services
- Counseling
- Help accessing federal and state public benefits
- Translation and interpretation
- Criminal and/or civil action against the trafficker

To report suspected cases of human trafficking, contact:

**New York State Department of Labor
Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs**

Tel: 877-466-9757

Email: trafficking@labor.ny.gov

Website: <http://labor.ny.gov/immigrants>

**National Human Trafficking
Resource Center**

Tel: 888-373-7888

Additional resources:

Polaris Project: <http://www.polarisproject.org>

In an emergency, call 911 *right away*.



1-888-469-7365
www.labor.ny.gov

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Help for Victims of Human Trafficking: The Fight Against Modern-Day Slavery



A Division of the New York State Department of Labor

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and a serious crime. Trafficked people may not realize that what is happening to them is illegal and that help is available.

Labor trafficking occurs when:

- A person forces or induces another to work against their will, or recruits, entices, harbors, or transports such a person.

Traffickers use a combination of fear, intimidation, abuse and psychological tactics to control victims, such as:

- Threatening to have them arrested by the police or picked up by immigration
- Falsely claiming they must work to pay off a debt
- Threatening their family



Human Trafficking Red Flags

Human trafficking can happen in many industries, including:

- Factories, such as garment factories
- Farms or landscaping
- Construction
- Private homes (e.g., nannies and housekeepers)
- Restaurants, bars, hotels or other service industries
- Strip clubs, street prostitution, fake massage parlors, escort services, brothels, and the like

A person may be a victim of human trafficking if he or she:

- Cannot freely come and go
- Does not have control of his or her own identification documents or money
- Is not paid or is paid very little
- Works unusually long hours
- Owes a large or increasing debt
- Lives or works in a location with unusually high security or many cameras
- Is unusually anxious, fearful, submissive, depressed, nervous or tense
- Has unexplained injuries or signs of extended or untreated illness or disease
- Shows signs of physical or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement or torture

Department of Labor's Role in Fighting Human Trafficking

The Department of Labor (DOL) receives and investigates tips of possible human trafficking. DOL refers possible victims for New York State Confirmation, which provides the victim with access to free government benefits.

DOL can also provide certifications for U or T visas for eligible victims of certain serious qualifying crimes, including human trafficking.

DOL increases public awareness by giving human trafficking workshops to the community and businesses to prevent, identify and stop human trafficking.

If you are interested in any of our services, please call the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs at 877-466-9757 or email trafficking@labor.ny.gov.