

Human Trafficking Facts:

- ▷ The crime of human trafficking does NOT require moving, traveling, or transporting a person across state or national borders.
- ▷ Human trafficking does NOT require kidnapping or physical force. More instances involve psychological means such as manipulation and threats by traffickers.
- ▷ Traffickers are NOT always strangers to their victims. People can be trafficked by romantic partners or family members.
- ▷ Victims of human trafficking are NOT always undocumented foreign nationals. Both US citizens and foreign nationals are vulnerable to the crime.
- ▷ Victims of human trafficking do NOT always readily accept or attempt to seek help. Factors may include fear of retribution from traffickers, including danger to their families as well as not self-identifying as a victim.



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**To report human trafficking, contact your local law enforcement, or call The National Human Trafficking Hotline:
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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is when an individual under force, fraud, or coercion, is made to perform commercial sex acts, labor services, or when the person induced to perform sex acts is under the age of 18.

Force

Sexual or Physical
Mental Abuse
Kidnapping
Constraint

Fraud

Promises of a Better Life
Financial Protection
Marriage
False Job Offers

Coercion

Shame and Fear
Threats and Pressure
Blackmail
Intimidation
Sextortion
Substances

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South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force

Since its inception in 2012, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force has expanded its impact to respond to the evolving threat of human trafficking in our communities. The Task Force is chaired by the Attorney General of South Carolina and is composed of regional task forces throughout the state. The individuals and organizations that compose the State Task Force work in partnership with diverse community partners to tailor a multi-sector approach that is responsive to the complexities of the crime.

Both children and adults are being victimized as sex and labor trafficking continues to plague communities across South Carolina. Regardless of the context of these crimes, those who perpetrate these offenses often target the most vulnerable amongst us. Without the combined efforts of many, we could not as effectively combat this crime throughout our state and protect members of our communities.



Regional Task Forces

2nd Judicial Circuit
(Aiken, Barnwell, Bamberg)

8th Judicial Circuit
(Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry)

Catawba Area
(Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Union, York)

Coastal Region
(Horry, Georgetown)

Foothills
(Anderson, Oconee)

L.E.M.S.
(Lexington, Edgefield, McCormick, Saluda)

Lowcountry
(Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton, Allendale)

Richland County

Tri-County
(Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley)

Upstate
(Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee)

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