

Human Trafficking Hotline Poster Information for Businesses

South Carolina legislation (SC Code 16-3-2100) passed in 2015 mandated the posting of information about the National Human Trafficking Hotline in certain business establishments across South Carolina. The legislation specifies the language that must be posted, minimum size of the posters, and the list of business establishments that are required to post. Two versions of the poster containing the required information are available from the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force.

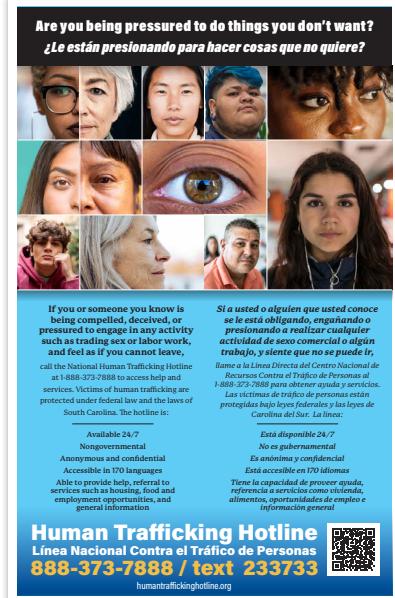
What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is when an individual uses force, fraud, or coercion to exploit another person for something of value. Victims are made to perform commercial sex acts or labor services. No force, fraud or coercion is needed when a minor under the age of 18 years is engaged in commercial sex. Something of value may include money, food, housing, clothing, phones, drugs or alcohol as well as many other items. For more information visit humantrafficking.scag.gov.

Who is required to post the hotline information?

Under the South Carolina law, the following establishments are required to post notices:

- An adult business, including a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or another similar establishment in which a person appears in a state of sexually explicit nudity or semi-nudity, as defined by law;
- Emergency rooms within any hospital;
- Urgent care centers;
- Any hotel, motel, room or accommodation furnished to transients for which fees are charged in this State;
- All agricultural labor contractors and agricultural labor transporters as defined by law;
- All airports, train stations, bus stations, rest areas and truck stops



Where do they need to be posted?

Under the law:

“The information must be posted in each public restroom for the business or establishment and a prominent location conspicuous to the public at the entrance of the establishment where posters and notices are customarily posted.”

What happens if a business is not in compliance?

The Department of Revenue, the State Law Enforcement Division, and the Department of Transportation, depending on regulatory control or authority, are authorized to issue a written warning and assess a fine of not more than fifty dollars. Each day that the poster is not hung in the establishment constitutes a separate and distinct violation and the establishment may be fined appropriately.

How do we get more posters?

Download or request more posters at humantrafficking.scag.gov.



Thank you for your support of anti-human trafficking efforts in communities across South Carolina.