

How to Get HELP

NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE



CALL
1-888-373-7888



TEXT
"BeFree" (233733)



LIVE CHAT
humantraffickinghotline.org

24/7 • Toll free
Confidential
200+ languages

GET HELP • REPORT TRAFFICKING

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a toll-free hotline that offers access to a safe space to report tips, seek services, and ask for help.

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It is very important that you **DO NOT attempt to intervene** when you suspect human trafficking. By doing so, you could put yourself and the victim at risk for harm. If there is risk of imminent harm/danger or if a child is involved, immediately call 911.

Individuals are asked to disclose only as much information as they are comfortable providing. The Hotline will never share personally identifying information without the explicit permission of the caller, unless where required by law.

Email: help@humantraffickinghotline.org
Website: www.humantraffickinghotline.org



Vision

To work towards a day when no person within Pasco County is compelled to work or engage in a commercial sex act against their will.

Mission

To ensure the health and safety of the people in our community through awareness, education, and advocacy efforts.

Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking

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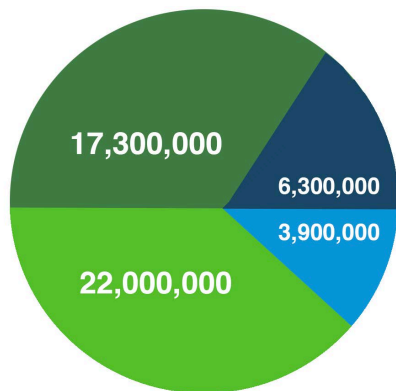
STOP Human Trafficking

Human trafficking
is happening here too.

Human Trafficking is Modern Day Slavery

Human Trafficking is a growing problem worldwide and is quickly becoming the second most common criminal enterprise behind drug trafficking.

49.6 MILLION
VICTIMS WORLDWIDE



- FORCED LABOR EXPLOITATION IN THE PRIVATE ECONOMY
- FORCED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
- STATE-IMPOSED FORCED LABOUR
- FORCED MARRIAGE

Florida consistently ranks third in the nation in the number of calls made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. In response to this trend the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners formed the Commission on Human Trafficking on September 9, 2014, via Resolution NO. 14-272.

The Commission is comprised of 13 members representing county government, law enforcement, the school district, service providers, businesses, child welfare, behavioral health, an institution of higher learning, the faith-based community, and a survivor.

What is Human Trafficking?

Compelling someone to work or engage in a commercial sex act.

A crime against a **person**.

The **exploitation** of a human being by means of force, fraud, or coercion.

Occurs when trafficked men, women and children are under the control of another person and are treated as property and are **stripped of their rights**.

Know the Signs

- Under 18 and providing commercial sex
- Few or no personal possessions
- ID, travel documents/ money controlled by someone else
- Signs of malnourishment, dehydration, exhaustion
- Evidence of violence (bruising, scarring, branding) or untreated injuries
- Isolation from community, family and friends
- Denied access to medical care and other services

Recognize The Behavior

- Appears fearful, anxious, submissive
- Avoids eye contact
- Not allowed/able to speak for themselves
- Does not know or have an address
- Appears confused about where they are
- Does not have a sense of time
- Reacts with fear at the mention of law enforcement/immigration officials



What Can You Do To Help?

- Be observant, look for signs of trafficking
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline if you suspect trafficking
- Request a training from the Commission
- Volunteer your time or donate goods to an anti-trafficking organization
- Become educated about the issue by visiting <https://polarisproject.org/>
- Purchase goods marked with the fair trade logo

