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Protecting the rights of crime victims



**Important Questions to Ask If You Suspect That a Person Is a Victim of Trafficking:**

- How did the person migrate?
- How did the person find out about the job?
- What happened when they arrived in the destination country?
- What was it like when they started to work?
- Was the person paid? How much? How often?
- Did the person try to leave the job? What happened?
- Is the person afraid of his or her employer? Why?

**Important Phone Numbers**

To report a human trafficking situation to federal law enforcement, or to obtain information about services for trafficked persons, call one of these numbers:

**The Trafficking in Persons and Workers Exploitation Task Force**

**888.428.7581**

*Trafficking Information and Referral Source*

**Inland Northwest Task Force on Human Trafficking**

**509.624.7273**

**Your Resource for Information and Assistance**

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on Human Trafficking  
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Department of Justice  
<http://www.justice.gov/>

Department of Health and Human Services  
Rescue and Restore Campaign  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>

Office of Refugee Resettlement  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/>

United States Department of State  
Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons  
[www.state.gov/g/tip](http://www.state.gov/g/tip)

Washington State Task Force  
Against Trafficking of Persons Resources  
<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/site/247/default.aspx>

International Rescue Committee  
[Http://www.theIRC.org/trafficking/](http://www.theIRC.org/trafficking/)

**SPOKANE CRIME VICTIM SERVICE CENTER**

Your Resource for Information and Assistance



*Call to Get Help*  
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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

# WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

**H**uman trafficking is a crime under US law. According to the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, “*severe forms of trafficking in persons*” are defined as:

1. Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, coercion or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18.
2. The recruitment, transportation, harboring, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

## **Victims of trafficking have rights.**

No one can legally force a person to work against his or her will. Victims of trafficking in the United States are entitled to protection and assistance, including:

- Access to translation/interpretation
- Information about their rights
- Free or low cost legal service
- Federal and state benefits

## **Services We Provide**

The Inland Northwest Task Force on Human Trafficking actively pursues collaboration between service agencies, faith communities, law enforcement and state and federal agencies so that together we may:

- Raise awareness of human trafficking in the Inland Northwest
- Create region-wide strategies for the prevention and intervention of trafficking activities
- Partner to provide justice and restoration for trafficking victims within our communities

The Inland Northwest Task Force on Human Trafficking provides assistance to pre-certified victims of trafficking with:

- Immediate access to food and stable housing
- Physical and mental health treatment
- Immigration advocacy and legal assistance
- Interpretation services
- Education and job readiness training

## **Outreach and Public Education**

Inland Northwest Task Force on Human Trafficking can provide training and education for your organization.

*Call for more information.*  
**509.624.7273**

## **Smuggling of Migrants**

*Smuggling is the movement of consenting people across an international border for a fee.* The migrant’s relationship with the smuggler ends upon arrival at the migrant’s destination.

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## **Trafficking of Victims**

*Trafficking is ongoing exploitation.* Travel is not always involved. In general, victims have either never consented to their conditions, or their initial consent is rendered meaningless by the victims age or by coercive, deceptive or abusive actions on the part of the traffickers.

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