

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The FBI Victim Specialist will be in contact with you during the investigation of your case. It is important for you to work with the Victim Specialist so that you can receive case status updates, address any concerns you may have about the case, and ease your experience with the criminal justice process.

For more information, please contact your local FBI Victim Specialist or Case Agent:

Victim Specialist:

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Special Agent:

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**HELP FOR  
VICTIMS  
OF  
TRAFFICKING  
IN PERSONS**

## HELP FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Freedom is one of the most important rights afforded to every human being. No one should be forced or coerced to act against their will. Unfortunately, the practice of modern day slavery exists in our world today. Trafficking in Persons (human trafficking) is a violation of federal civil rights laws. The FBI is investigating these crimes as one of its top civil rights priorities to protect those who may be a victim of this crime.

If any of these things have happened to you, you may be a victim of a serious crime. If you feel that you are in danger, contact local law enforcement, the FBI, or 911.

### YOU MAY BE A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IF SOMEONE HAS:

- ▣ *forced* you to work against your will;
- ▣ collected a debt by using *threats or forcing* you to work to pay the debt;
- ▣ *forced* you to work using *threats to harm* you and/or your family;
- ▣ *forced* or pressured you into prostitution or to do other sexual acts;
- ▣ taken away your passport, birth certificate, or identification card to *intimidate and control* your movements.

## RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS

The FBI has someone who can help victims of crime and answer their questions. Victim Specialists are specially trained professionals working hand in hand with the FBI case agent during an investigation. They assist victims by providing support, information, and referrals to resources in the community.

The Victim Specialist's primary responsibilities are: the victims' well-being; keeping victims informed about the status of their case; and, helping victims reclaim their freedom.

### IF YOU *ARE* A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

United States citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States can be enslaved within or outside the borders of the United States. It is a violation of the Federal civil rights laws to traffic United States citizens or lawful permanent residents. As a citizen or lawful permanent resident, once you are identified as a federal crime victim you are eligible to receive services and benefits.

### IF YOU *ARE NOT* A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

You may be eligible to stay in the United States for a determined period of time depending on your individual circumstances. Once you qualify as a victim of trafficking in persons, the law guarantees certain legal benefits and services.

There may be immigration services available to you. It is important to talk to an immigration attorney or community organization that can advise you about your choices. Your Victim Specialist can help connect you to valuable resources in the community and provide referrals to a free or low-cost attorney.

### REGARDLESS OF YOUR LEGAL STATUS, VICTIM SPECIALISTS CAN HELP YOU FIND:

- ▣ Food, clothing and shelter;
- ▣ Medical assistance, including access to STD/HIV/TB testing and immunizations;
- ▣ Interpreter services;
- ▣ Mental health services and counseling;
- ▣ Legal/immigration assistance;
- ▣ Transportation;
- ▣ Child care;
- ▣ Health insurance; and/or,
- ▣ Education and employment services.

**IF YOU NEED HELP OR BELIEVE  
SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS HELP,  
PLEASE CALL:**

**1-888-3737-888**

**National Human Trafficking Resource Center  
(24/7 Hotline)**