

20 Ways You Can Help Fight Human Trafficking

After first learning about human trafficking, many people want to help in some way but do not know how. Here are just a few ideas for your consideration.

1. Learn the **red flags that may indicate human trafficking and ask follow up questions** so that you can help identify a potential trafficking victim. **Human trafficking awareness training** is available for individuals, **businesses, first responders, law enforcement**, and **federal employees**.
2. In the United States, call the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center** at 1-888-373-7888 (24/7) to get help and connect with a service provider in your area, report a tip with information on potential human trafficking activity; or learn more by requesting training, technical assistance, or resources. Call federal law enforcement directly to report suspicious activity and get help from the **Department of Homeland Security** at 1-866-347-2423 (24/7), or submit a tip online at www.ice.gov/tips, or from the U.S. Department of Justice at 1-888-428-7581 from 9:00am to 5:00pm (EST). Victims, including undocumented individuals, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.
3. Be a conscientious consumer. Discover your **Slavery Footprint**, and check out the **Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor**. **Encourage companies**, including your own, to take steps to investigate and eliminate slavery and human trafficking in their supply chains and to publish the information for consumer awareness.
4. Incorporate human trafficking information into your professional associations' conferences, trainings, manuals, and other materials as relevant [**example**].
5. **Join** or start a grassroots anti-trafficking coalition.
6. Meet with and/or write to your local, state, and federal government representatives to let them know that you care about combating human trafficking in your community, and ask what they are doing to address human trafficking in your area.
7. Distribute public awareness materials available from the **Department of Health and Human Services** or **Department of Homeland Security**.
8. Volunteer to do victim outreach or offer your professional services to a **local anti-trafficking organization**.
9. Donate funds or needed items to an anti-trafficking organization **in your area**.
10. Organize a **fundraiser** and donate the proceeds to an anti-trafficking organization.
11. Host an awareness event to watch and discuss a recent **human trafficking documentary**. On a larger scale, host a human trafficking film festival.

12. Encourage your local schools to partner with students and include the issue of **modern day slavery in their curriculum**. As a parent, educator, or school administrator, be aware of how traffickers **target school-aged children**.
13. Set up a **Google alert** to receive current human trafficking news.
14. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about human trafficking in your community.
15. Start or sign a human trafficking **petition**.
16. **Businesses**: Provide internships, job skills training, and/or jobs to trafficking survivors. **Consumers**: Purchase items made by trafficking survivors such as from **Jewel Girls** or **Made by Survivors**.
17. **Students**: **Take action** on your campus. Join or establish a university or secondary school club to raise awareness about human trafficking and initiate action throughout your local community. Consider doing one of your research papers on a topic concerning human trafficking. **Professors**: Request that human trafficking be an issue included in university **curriculum**. Increase scholarship about human trafficking by publishing an article, teaching a class, or hosting a symposium.
18. **Law Enforcement Officials**: **Join** or start a local human trafficking task force.
19. **Mental Health or Medical Providers**: Extend low-cost or free services to human trafficking victims assisted by nearby anti-trafficking organizations. **Train** your staff on how to identify the indicators of human trafficking and assist victims.
20. **Attorneys**: **Look for signs of human trafficking among your clients**. Offer pro-bono services to trafficking victims or anti-trafficking organizations. Learn about and offer to human trafficking victims the **legal benefits for which they are eligible**. Assist anti-trafficking NGOs with capacity building and legal work.

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