

Senate Bill 1104 - Pupil Safety: Human Trafficking Prevention Resources

SB 1104 requires schools educating grades 6 to 12 to identify methods of informing parents and guardians of pupils in those grades of **human trafficking prevention** resources.

The information below provides a definition of human trafficking from the United States Department of Homeland Security and is followed by related resources.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States. It can happen in any community and victims can be of any age, race, gender, or nationality. Traffickers might use violence, manipulation, or false promises of well-paying jobs or romantic relationships to lure victims into trafficking situations.

Language barriers, fear of their traffickers, and/or fear of law enforcement frequently keep victims from seeking help, making human trafficking a hidden crime.

Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. They look for people who are susceptible for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability. The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that many may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help, even in highly public settings.

Many myths and misconceptions exist. Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save a life. Not all indicators listed are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

The safety of the public as well as the victim is paramount. Do not attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to any suspicions. It is up to law enforcement to investigate suspected cases of human trafficking.

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/whta-human-trafficking>

Agencies that may be of assistance:

- **Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section** <https://www.justice.gov/criminal-ceos>
- **Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center** <https://www.ice.gov/human-smuggling-trafficking-center>
- **Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking** <https://youth.gov/federal-links/office-child-labor-forced-labor-and-human-trafficking>
- **Office of Legal Policy** <https://www.justice.gov/olp>
- **Office of Victims of Crime** <https://www.ovc.gov/>

- **Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons** <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-civilian-security-democracy-and-human-rights/office-to-monitor-and-combat-trafficking-in-persons/>

Hotlines:

Human Trafficking Help and Reporting <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/report-trafficking>

- **Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline toll-free hotline at 1-888-373-7888:** Anti-Trafficking Hotline Advocates are available 24/7 to take reports of potential human trafficking.
- **Text the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 233733.** Message and data rates may apply.
- **Chat the National Human Trafficking Hotline via** www.humantraffickinghotline.org/chat
- **Submit a tip online through the anonymous online reporting form below.** However, please note that if the situation is urgent or occurred within the last 24 hours we would encourage you to call, text or chat.

ICE Human Trafficking Help and Reporting <https://youth.gov/federal-links/ice-human-trafficking-help-and-reporting>

- **Call 1-866-347-2423, toll-free (24/7),** to report suspected human trafficking crimes or to get help from law enforcement.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center, Help and Reporting

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/resources>

- **Call 1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711), Text 233733**

Sexually Exploited or Abused Minors Reporting <https://www.justice.gov/criminal-ceos/report-violations>

Child Pornography

- To report an incident involving the possession, distribution, receipt, or production of child pornography, file a report on the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)'s website at www.cybertipline.com, or call **1-800-843-5678**. Your report will be forwarded to a law enforcement agency for investigation and action.
- You may also wish to report the incident to federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel.

Child Sexual Abuse

- Child sexual abuse matters are generally handled by local and state authorities, and not by the federal government.
- To report a child sexual abuse issue, contact your local or state law enforcement agency.

Extraterritorial Sexual Exploitation of Children

- To report an incident or suspicious situation that may involve the extraterritorial sexual exploitation of children, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at **1-888-3737-888**, or file a confidential online report at <http://www.polarisproject.org/what-we-do/national-human-trafficking-hotline/report-a-tip>. Your report will be forwarded to a law enforcement agency for investigation and action.
- You can also report an incident or suspicious situation to Immigration and Customs Enforcement/ Homeland Security Investigations (ICE) by calling the ICE hotline at **1-866-347-2423**, or emailing ICE at predator@DHS.gov.

International Parental Kidnapping

- To report an international parental kidnapping situation, contact the U.S. Department of State, Office of Children's Issues. This office coordinates efforts to seek the return of children abducted by their parents to foreign countries. Call the office at (202) 312-9700, or visit the [U.S. Department of State International Parental Child Abduction website](#).
- You can also file a missing child report with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) by calling **1-800-The-Lost (1-800-843-5678)**.
- You may also wish to report the incident to federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel.

Obscenity

- To report obscene material sent to a child, a misleading domain name or misleading words or images on the Internet, file a report on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)'s website at www.cybertipline.com, or call **1-800-843-5678**. Your report will be forwarded to a law enforcement agency for investigation and action.
- To report obscene or indecent material broadcast over the radio or television, contact the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), which regulates radio and television broadcasting. You can report a complaint by calling the FCC at **1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322)**, faxing **1-866-418-0232**, submitting online at <http://transition.fcc.gov/eb/oip/Compl.html/>, or writing to the FCC at:

Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division

445 12th St., SW

Washington, DC 20554

- To report obscene material sent through the United States Postal Inspector Service (USPIS), contact your local post office or file a complaint on the U.S Postal Services website at <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/contactUs/filecomplaint.aspx>.

- To report individuals engaged in fraudulent or unfair trade practices involving unsolicited emails, porn-spam, media violence, or identity theft, contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and file a online consumer complain form at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/>
- You may also wish to report the incident to federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel.

Prostitution of Children

- To report an incident or suspicious situation that may involve the prostitution of children, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at **1-888-3737-888**, or file a confidential online report at <http://www.polarisproject.org/what-we-do/national-human-trafficking-hotline/report-a-tip>. Your report will be forwarded to a law enforcement agency for investigation and action.
- To report an incident involving the sexual exploitation of children, file a report on the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)'s website at www.cybertipline.com, or call **1-800-843-5678**. Your report will be forwarded to a law enforcement agency for investigation and action.
- You may also wish to report the incident to federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel.

Programs:

Office of Victims of Crime Initiatives <https://www.ovc.gov/>

Violent Crimes Against Children Resources <https://www.justice.gov/psc/resources>

For further information from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/programs/human-trafficking-resources>