

# Human Trafficking Followup

**What is human trafficking?**

**Human trafficking happens when people are recruited, kidnapped, or held as hostages. Traffickers use various means to exploit them for labor, services, or commercial sex.**

**How does human trafficking  
happen?**

- **Victims are tricked using lies about high paying jobs**
- **Others are kidnapped using drugs**
- **Some are trapped into prostitution rings in local or interstate gangs**
- **Trafficked victims are abused in various ways to keep them under control**
- **Victims can transported faraway**

**Where do human traffickers  
recruit new slaves?**

- **At mass transit stations, nightclubs, bars**
- **Online and social media channels**
- **Schools, college campuses, parties**
- **Troubled families, gangs, foster care**
- **Friends, relatives, and neighbors of any age, gender, background, race, or ethnicity**

**Traffickers recruit slaves  
for what purposes?**



- **Prostitution**
- **Illicit sex-related business**
- **Drug smuggling**
- **Organ donor**
- **Begging or thieving ring**
- **Illegally adoption**
- **Forced marriage**
- **Child or adult soldiers**
- **Factory or mining work**
- **Domestic service**

**What can I do if someone  
looks like a victim  
of human trafficking?**

- **Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline at 1-888-3737-888 or Text BEFREE (233733)**
- **Talk with a sympathetic school or church counselor, coworker, or work manager**
- **File a complaint with local police department**
- **Call the Child Protection Services or Adult Protection Services hotline**

# **Crime Prevention and New Laws**

**What is being done locally  
or statewide?**

**In California, AB 1147 went into effect in January 2015. The new law allows stricter regulation of Asian massage parlors, including police stings and higher penalties. It can impose new zoning laws, limit hours of operation, and block proximity to schools and parks. Licensing complaints can be filed with the California Massage Therapy Council.**

**Nonprofits are also forming local anti-trafficking coalitions to help educate the public about the problem and what can be done to help trafficking victims.**

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of suspected crime  
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# President Abraham Lincoln

**“If \_\_\_\_\_ is not a crime,  
then what is?”**

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