

# Information & Resources

## Laws Passed Recently in New York

- ❖ All hotels in New York with at least five rooms will be required to post human trafficking “informational cards” throughout each hotel’s premises beginning October 14, 2018.
- ❖ All public facing transportation employees will complete a human trafficking recognition training program.
- ❖ Elimination of the requirement for proof of force, fraud or coercion in order to find a person guilty of the class B violent felony of sex trafficking of a minor.

## Organizations & Hotlines

- **1-800-298-SAFE**  
(24hr Hotline for My Sister's Place)
- **1-888-373-7888**  
(National Human Trafficking Hotline)
- **1-866-347-2423**  
(Report suspected Human Trafficking)
- **Text HELP to "BeFree" (233733)**
- **Text STEVE to 741741**  
(Crisis counseling for young people of color / The Steve Fund)
- **slaveryfootprint.org**  
(Find out if Products are made with Slave Labor)
- **polarisproject.org**  
(Dedicated to eradicating Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery)
- **mhawestchester.org**  
(Provides advocacy, community education and direct services)
- **(914) 925-5959**  
(Crisis Prevention and Response Team / St. Vincent's Hospital, Westchester)



New York is 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of human trafficking crimes and activity.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS

modern day slavery.

exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion.

sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude.

happening everywhere, even in the United States, and victims can be U.S. Citizens or of any nationality, age, socioeconomic status, or gender.

any person under the age of 18 involved in a commercial sex act.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A HIGHLY PROFITABLE CRIME

Human Smuggling and Human Trafficking are different crimes.

**Human Smuggling** is the illegal movement of someone across a border.

**Human trafficking** is the illegal exploitation of a person.

According to the FBI (2013), African-American children comprise 59% of all prostitution arrests for those under 18—more than any other racial group. In a two-year review, by the Bureau of Statistics (2011) it was found that, all suspected human trafficking incidents, 40% of victims of sex trafficking were African-American.

While African American girls are disproportionately at risk to be victimized, the faces of those who historically lead the fight against human trafficking tend to be from the majority culture. As influential African American women, we must assist our communities and families in understanding the issue and protect our children.



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