

**JANUARY 2026 CALL TO ACTION:
Action Alert: Human Trafficking?**

Overview

- Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. It not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threatens public safety and national security everywhere.
- In 2024 there was estimated to be more than 27.6 million people — adults and children — subjected to human trafficking around the world, including in the United States.
- Traffickers often take advantage of instability caused by natural disasters, conflict, or a pandemic to exploit others.
- January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

(From <https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/>)

10 Ways you Can Act Now

1. Learn the indicators of human trafficking on the TIP Office's [website](#) or by taking a training. Human trafficking awareness training is available for individuals, businesses, first responders, law enforcement, educators, and federal employees, among others.
2. If you are in the United States and believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking, call the 24-hour [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) at 1-888-373-7888 or report an emergency to law enforcement by calling 911. Trafficking victims, whether or not U.S. citizens, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.
3. Be a conscientious and informed consumer. Find out more about who may have picked your tomatoes or made your clothes at [ResponsibleSourcingTool.org](#), or check out the Department of [Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor](#). Encourage companies to take steps to prevent human trafficking in their supply chains and publish the information, including supplier or factory lists, for consumer awareness.
4. Volunteer and support anti-trafficking efforts [in your community](#).
5. Meet with and/or write to [your local, state, and federal elected officials](#) to let them know you care about combating human trafficking and ask what they are doing to address it.
6. Be well-informed. Set up a web alert to receive current human trafficking news. Also, check out [CNN's Freedom Project](#) for more stories on the different forms of human trafficking around the world.
7. Host an awareness-raising event to watch and discuss films about human trafficking.
8. Organize a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to [an anti-trafficking organization](#).
9. Encourage your local schools or school district to include human trafficking in their curricula and to [develop protocols](#) for identifying and reporting a suspected case of human trafficking or responding to a potential victim.
10. Use your social media platforms to raise awareness about human trafficking, using the following hashtags: #endtrafficking, #freedomfirst.

More ideas can be found here <https://www.state.gov/20-ways-you-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/>)

Helpful Resources & Organizations

- NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking <https://www.safernj.org/about-us>
- Because Organization (based in Media, PA) <https://www.becauseorganization.org/>
- Love Justice International <https://www.lovejustice.ngo/>
- International Justice Mission <https://www.ijm.org/>