

5 Ways to Help Someone Who May Have Been Trafficked

Anyone can be a victim of trafficking. Individuals with disabilities, foreign nationals, children, those who identify as LGBTQIA+ and people experiencing drug/alcohol addiction are especially vulnerable. Victims can be of any race, gender, age, religion, or socio-economic level.

Human trafficking occurs everywhere, and sometimes right in front of us. If you or someone you know needs help, PLEASE CALL: National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1.888.373.7888

To learn more about Human Trafficking and identifying the signs, please visit the SC Human Trafficking Task Force Website: www.scag.gov/human-trafficking.

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South Carolina Coalition Against
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: [803.256.2900](tel:803.256.2900)

www.sccadvasa.org

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Believe Them.

Creating a safe environment requires trust. Build trust by actively listening and believing their story.

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Determine Their Immediate Needs.

Allow the **survivor** to assess what their basic needs are. This can include a safe place to go, food, a phone, or transportation.

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Let Them Decide.

Many traffickers do not allow their victims to make decisions about anything. Part of their healing includes allowing them to decide what they need, the type of help they would like, and if they want to report the crime.

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Be Resourceful.

If the survivor decides they want help, they will need resources that you may or may not be able to provide. Build your knowledge of local providers who might be able to step in and offer critical services like shelter, mental health counseling, safety planning, and legal assistance.

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Remember that Anyone Can be a Victim of Trafficking.

Help them to find support services that they feel comfortable in using. Language and culturally responsive services are important to a survivor's well-being and can help connect them with additional resources they may need to deal with trauma, mental health, and drug/alcohol addictions.

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