



When I was in The Life, I thought I was alone.

Then I found help from other people like me.

- Crystal. Out of The Life since 2013.

I got out. U can 2.

Call 510-645-9388
for real help getting a job, an education,
a home, a future.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
888-373-7888

H.E.A.T. Watch links victims to supportive services. Our **SafetyNet** program facilitates weekly case reviews for all at-risk or involved CSEC victims. The program assists them in getting the support they need. Our **Young Women's Saturday Program** provides a safe space for victims to access advocacy, education and case management services.

Human trafficking victims may look like the people you encounter every day. Be alert for these warning signs. Someone you meet may need help finding the path to freedom:

- Is the person accompanied by another person who seems controlling?
- Is the person rarely allowed in public (except for work)?
- Do you notice any physical or psychological abuse?
- Does the person seem submissive or fearful?
- Does the person lack identification or documentation?
- Is someone else collecting the person's pay or holding that money for 'safe keeping'?

Report an anonymous tip

Alameda County H.E.A.T. Watch
Tip-Line
510-208-4959 or
tipline@heatwatch.org
Text info or help to **BeFree**



“Every day, people in our community are bought and sold for profit. Human beings are not products and must not be exploited. Help us stop this national epidemic.”

-Nancy E. O'Malley, District Attorney
Alameda County

Human Trafficking is often referred to as modern day slavery. Through the use of fraud, force, and/or expressions of false love, children and adults are recruited into commercial sex and labor arrangements that profit the trafficker. The following are a few common terms describing different forms of human trafficking.

Sex trafficking is the use of fraud, force, coercion or expressions of false love in the recruitment and harboring of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) refers to the act of sexually abusing a child for economic gain through force, fraud, or coercion. CSEC can include forced prostitution of children, child pornography, and child sex tourism.

Labor trafficking is the use of force, fraud or coercion to compel people to work against their will for the purpose of subjecting the victims to involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or slavery.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office created the **Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T Watch) Program, a 5-point strategy** to combat human trafficking and assist victims (heatwatch.org).



MYTH: Human trafficking? Not in my backyard.

Eighty-three percent of trafficking victims in the United States are American-born. Studies estimate as many as 300,000 children in the U.S. are at-risk for trafficking. One third of all sex trafficking allegations involve minors.

MYTH: Prostitutes choose the life. They are consenting.

For CSEC victims, the average age of entry into forced prostitution is between 12-14 years of age. Under California law, a minor cannot consent to sex with an adult. **These children are not prostitutes but victims of rape.** Many trafficking victims are trauma-bonded to their trafficker as a result of chronic abuse and manipulation. They have been robbed of free choice.



MYTH: Sex trafficking is the only kind of human trafficking.

Across the globe, only 1 human trafficking case in 9 is related to labor and yet this number represents an estimated **14 million** people who are being forcibly held and made to work.

For more information on identifying and supporting victims and fighting human trafficking, please visit our website at www.heatwatch.org and check out our H.E.A.T Watch toolkit online at toolkit.heatwatch.org.

Legal/Family Services:

- Alameda County Family Justice Center: **510-267-8800**
- Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach: **510 251-2886**
- Centro Legal de La Raza: **510-437-1554**

Sex Trafficking Victims:

- Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR): **510-845-7273**
- Motivating, Inspiring & Supporting Sexually Exploited Youth (MISSEY): **510-267-8840**
- Asian Health Services/Banteay Srei: **510-533-6825**
- Highland Hospital, Sexual Assault Center: **510-534-9290**
- West Coast Children's Clinic (WCC): **510-269-9030**
- Dreamcatcher Youth Shelter: **800-379-1114**
- Covenant House: **510-379-1010**

Labor Trafficking Victims:

- Ruby's Place: **510-581-5626**
- Berkeley Shelter Bed Hotline: **866-960-2132**
- Asian Community Mental Health: **510-970-9750**
- Asian Health Services: **510-986-6800**
- La Clinica de la Raza: **510-535-4000**
- Narika: **800-215-7308**