

Human Trafficking: Canada Is Not Immune

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Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP)

HELP IS AVAILABLE

In British Columbia the Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons is responsible for the protection and well being of trafficked persons.

If you suspect someone may be exploited, or if you would like some help or support please call:

1-888-712-7974

toll free, available 24 hours, 7 days per week.

We can help arrange for a safe place to stay, medical and dental services, legal information, and emotional support.

NO ENGLISH? Tell us the language required and we will contact an interpreter immediately.



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Human Trafficking is a crime in Canada.

When a person:

- **is forced to work or provide services she or he does not want to do**
- **is working for little or no pay under poor conditions**
- **has lost control and access to her or his passport and personal identification documents**
- **has restrictions on when and where they can go and what they can do**

she or he may be presumed to be a trafficked person.

The exploitation of trafficked persons can take many forms:

Sexual exploitation

Trafficked persons are forced to perform sexual acts including exotic dancing, strip tease, massage, production of pornography and prostitution. Trafficked persons are often lured and groomed by people posing as boyfriends or girlfriends.

Domestic servitude

Trafficked persons clean houses, do laundry and other domestic chores, care for children and elderly persons, must be available at all times and receive very little or no pay for their work. People exploited in domestic servitude are often physically and sexually abused.

Forced labour

Trafficked persons will work long hours, under unsafe and poor conditions for little or no pay in construction, agriculture, restaurants, manufacturing. Trafficked persons can also be legally employed but forced to hand over their earnings to the trafficker.

For more information on OCTIP's pocket card, or to order in English or other languages please contact us or go to our website to download an order form.