



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

GENERAL DEFINITION

Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons or modern-day slavery, is a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological. Exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether any form of force, fraud, or coercion was used.

There is no single profile of a trafficking victim. Victims of human trafficking can be anyone—regardless of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, education level, or citizenship status.

Maggie's Place is sensitive to the circumstances of the women we serve, and that in some cases, human trafficking has been a part of their past trauma and journey.

We are proud to partner with local and national organizations, including the United States Department of Justice, to:

- increase prevention
- ensure victims are equipped with tools and resources
- partner on life improvement planning



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bringing human traffickers to justice and assisting trafficking survivors are top priorities of the U.S. Department of Justice. Responding to a crime as complex and as devastating as human trafficking is neither simple nor straightforward. The Department's anti-trafficking efforts involve numerous components engaged in a full spectrum of activities: investigations, prosecutions, services for victims, trainings, enforcement and outreach initiatives to strengthen anti-trafficking partnerships, innovative prevention efforts, capacity-building programs that advance survivor-centered anti-trafficking strategies, and grant funding to state, local, and tribal authorities and to non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

To achieve the goal of eradicating human trafficking and restoring the rights, dignity, and independence of victims and survivors, the Department designs and executes a number of special programs meant to incorporate survivors' perspectives, identify victims, hold traffickers accountable both in the United States and abroad, and build capacity to address human trafficking.

Learn more:

<https://www.justice.gov/humantrafficking/special-initiatives>

RESOURCES

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711)

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/arizona>

Arizona Attorney General's Office

<https://www.azag.gov/criminal/trafficking>

<https://goyff.az.gov/htc>

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

<https://goyff.az.gov/humantrafficking>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP)

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip>