

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a crime that robs people of their freedom, makes our homeland less secure, and it stands in stark contrast to our American values.

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery. It occurs when a trafficker exploits a vulnerable victim with force, fraud, or coercion. There are two types of trafficking:

- **Labor Trafficking:** Individuals are compelled to work or provide services by force, fraud, or coercion.
- **Sex Trafficking:** Adults are compelled to engage in commercial sex by force, fraud, or coercion. Minors are compelled to perform a commercial sex act regardless of the presence of force, fraud, or coercion.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), established to safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values, created the [Blue Campaign](#) in 2010 to serve as the Department's unified voice to combat human trafficking. The DHS has created a short YouTube video, [Tools That Teach: What is Human Trafficking?](#) for its Blue Campaign to help us understand what Human Trafficking is and how to recognize [the signs of human trafficking](#).

To report suspected human trafficking:

1-866-347-2423

To get help from the National Human Trafficking

Hotline:

1-888-373-7888