

How do I keep myself safe?

- Always tell your parents where you are, if your plans change inform them. ○
- If you have a cell phone, make sure it is always charged .
Have emergency numbers on your phone – family, police, helplines. ○
- If you are keeping secrets or information away from your parents,
ask yourself why? You could be putting yourself at risk. ○
- Don't make job arrangements or meetings with prospective employers
without telling your parents. Your educators or parents can advise or
guide you in getting employment safely. ○
- Do not take a lift or get into a car with strangers. Remember a car can
take you far away from safety very quickly. ○
- Stay sober, free from drugs and alcohol. If you are drunk you can be
more easily taken advantage off. ○
- Hold and watch your drink at parties, people can spike your drink
with drugs when you are not looking. ○
- Always walk with friends or in a group in well-lit safe areas. Avoid
dark, deserted places and short cuts. ○
- If someone tries to grab or catch you, use the power of your voice to draw
attention to your situation. Shout, throw yourself on the floor, kick and
scream. ○
- Be cyberwise, follow all cyber safety rules. Criminals lurk
anonymously online. ○

Keep yourself **SAFE** from becoming a
VICTIM of Human Trafficking!

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR HELP

SA HUMAN TRAFFICKING HELPLINE	0800 222 777
LIFELINE	0861 322 322
KZN DEPT OF EDUCATION HOTLINE (08h00 - 16h00)	0800 204 353
EMERGENCY CALL	10 111
CHILDLINE (TOLL FREE)	08000 55 555
CRIME STOP	08600 10 111
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (DSD HOTLINE)	0800 428 428
STOP GENDER VIOLENCE	0800 150 150



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IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!
BE ALERT! BE SAFE!
BE WISE! BE INFORMED!



**Globally 27 million people
are victims of Human Trafficking!**

What is Human Trafficking?

It is taking a person against their will, deceiving, buying or selling a person for the purposes of forced labour, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude or forced marriage. It is a form of modern day slavery. A person can be trafficked within or outside of their country.

Does Human Trafficking happen in South Africa?

South Africa is a Human Trafficking 'hotspot'. South Africa is not only a source for human traffickers, it is a country through which persons are trafficked to other countries and a place where persons are trafficked to.

Who is at risk of being trafficked?

Traffickers and recruiters generally target the unemployed, vulnerable young persons living in conditions of poverty and child headed households. People living under these conditions are easily lured into the prospect of a better life, more money, lucrative employment opportunities and a chance to have a "glamorous" lifestyle that is portrayed in the media and associated with cities.

You may be at risk if you are not alert when someone:

- ☆ makes promises of love, protection, job offers and adventure that sound too good to be true and too easy to get
- ☆ asks you to keep your meetings or discussions with them a secret
- ☆ asks you to give them your Identity document or passport
- ☆ offers to get you a new identity document
- ☆ suggests that you run away and leave home with them
- ☆ asks you or pays you to deliver "parcels" or "packages." Be careful it could be drugs or money and you could be trapped into becoming a drug mule.



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What happens to victims of Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime that breaches rights and dignity.

All your basic needs such as food, security, safety, shelter and access to medical assistance is compromised. Victims can suffer the most severe forms of violence and exploitation. Victims can also suffer psychological distress, trauma, hopelessness and despair, due to living in inhumane conditions.

In addition you could:

- ☆ Have your passport and identity documents taken away
- ☆ Be kept in isolation and constantly monitored
- ☆ Have little or no contact with your family and friends
- ☆ Be kept in conditions that are harsh, and unhygienic
- ☆ Be raped, sexually abused and prostituted
- ☆ Be forced into taking drugs and kept intoxicated
- ☆ Be physically and verbally abused if you fail to do as you are told or if you do not bring in enough money
- ☆ Be forced to work very long hours with little rest or sleep
- ☆ Have all earnings taken away from you
- ☆ Contract sexually transmitted diseases and other medical illnesses
- ☆ Lose your life from being in a dangerous criminal environment.

Some facts about Human Trafficking

4 out of every 100 people are victims of Human Trafficking in South Africa

55% are Females

45% are Males

25% are Children

**BE ALERT! KEEP YOURSELF
SAFE FROM BEING A VICTIM OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING.**

**If you are feeling unsafe speak to an adult or
call a Helpline!**