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# January Human Trafficking Awareness Month

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## 20 Ways You Can Help Fight Human Trafficking

After first learning about human trafficking, many people want to help in some way but do not know how. Here are just a few ideas for your consideration.

1. **Learn the red flags** (<http://www.state.gov/j/tip/id/index.htm>) that may indicate human trafficking so you can help identify a potential trafficking victim. Human trafficking awareness training is available for individuals, businesses, first responders, law enforcement, and federal employees. (<http://www.state.gov/j/tip/training/index.htm>)
2. In the U.S. **call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center** at 1-888-373-7888 (24/7) to get help and connect with a service provider in your area, report a tip with information on potential human trafficking activity; or learn more by requesting training, technical assistance, or resources. (<https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/report-trafficking>) Call federal law enforcement directly to report suspicious activity and get help from the Department of Homeland Security (<https://www.ice.gov/webform/hsi-tip-form>) at 1-866-347-2423 (24/7), or submit a tip online at [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips), or from the U.S. Department of Justice at 1-888-428-7581 from 9:00am to 5:00pm (EST). Victims, including undocumented individuals, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.
3. **Be a conscientious consumer.** Discover your Slavery Footprint (<http://www.slaveryfootprint.org>), and check out the Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor. (<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/>) Encourage companies, including your own, to take steps to investigate and eliminate slavery and human trafficking in their supply chains and to publish the information for consumer awareness.
4. **Incorporate human trafficking information** into your professional associations' conferences, trainings, manuals, and other materials as relevant (See example: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/>).
5. **Join/start** anti-trafficking coalitions. (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/contact-information-for-coalitions>)
6. **Meet with** and/or **write** local, state, and federal government representatives to tell them you care about combating human trafficking in your community, and ask what they are doing to address human trafficking in your area.
7. **Distribute** public awareness materials from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/anti-trafficking>) or Department of Homeland Security (<http://www.dhs.gov/topic/human-trafficking>).
8. **Volunteer** to do victim outreach or offer your professional services to a local anti-trafficking organization.
9. **Donate funds or needed items** to an anti-trafficking organization in your area.
10. **Organize** a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to an anti-trafficking organization.
11. **Host** an awareness event to watch and discuss a recent human trafficking documentary. On a larger scale, host a human trafficking film festival.
12. **Encourage your local schools** to partner with students and include the issue of modern day slavery in their curriculum (<http://www.fdfi.org/>). As a parent, educator, or school administrator, be aware of how traffickers target school-aged children (<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/factsheet.pdf>).
13. **Set up a Google alert** (<https://www.google.com/alerts/>) to receive current human trafficking news.
14. **Write a letter to the editor** of your local paper about human trafficking in your community.
15. **Start or sign a human trafficking petition.** (<https://www.change.org/petitions>)
16. **Businesses:** Provide internships, job skills training, and/or jobs to trafficking survivors. Consumers: Purchase items made by trafficking survivors such as from Blingzy Jewelry Travel Rolls (<http://blingzy.com>), Jewel Girls (<http://fairgirls.org/shop>) or Made by Survivors (<http://www.madebysurvivors.com/>).
17. **Students:** Take action on your campus. (<http://www.againstourwill.org/>) Join or establish a university or secondary school club to raise awareness about human trafficking and initiate action throughout your local community. Consider doing one of your research papers on a topic concerning human trafficking. Professors: Request that human trafficking be an issue included in university curriculum. Increase scholarship about human trafficking by publishing an article, teaching a class, or hosting a symposium.
18. **Law Enforcement Officials:** Join or start a local human trafficking task force.
19. **Mental Health/Medical Providers:** Extend low-cost/free services to human trafficking victims helped by anti-trafficking organizations. Train your staff on how to identify the indicators of human trafficking and assist victims.
20. **Attorneys:** Look for signs of human trafficking among your clients. Offer human trafficking victims legal benefits for which they are eligible. (<http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-human-trafficking-other-crimes/victims-human-trafficking-t-nonimmigrant-status/questions-and-answers-victims-human-trafficking-t-nonimmigrant-status-o>) Offer pro-bono services to trafficking victims or anti-trafficking organizations. Assist anti-trafficking NGOs with capacity building and legal work.