



Making Florida a Zero-Tolerance State for Human Trafficking

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Know the Facts About Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is modern day slavery and a \$32 billion industry that exploits children, women and men. Victims of human trafficking are subjected through force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor.

Facts About Human Trafficking

- Human trafficking consists of both sex trafficking and labor trafficking.
- There are 27 million people enslaved worldwide.¹
- In 2011, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center ranked Florida 3rd in the number of calls received by the center's human trafficking hotline.
- Women account for 55-60 percent of all trafficking victims detected globally; women and girls together account for about 75 percent.²
- Twenty-seven percent of all victims detected globally are children.³

Reporting Suspected Cases of Human Trafficking

Local Law Enforcement

Florida Abuse Hotline: 1-800-96-ABUSE

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

U.S. Department of Justice: 1-888-428-7581

Definitions of Human Trafficking

Florida Definition

Florida law defines human trafficking as a form of modern-day slavery. Victims of human trafficking are young children, teenagers, and adults. Thousands of victims are trafficked annually across international borders worldwide. Many of these victims are trafficked into this state. Victims of human trafficking also include citizens of the United States and those persons trafficked domestically within the borders of the United States. The Legislature finds that victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor.



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Federal Definition

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) defines “severe forms of human trafficking” as: The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for

-sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or

-labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

Florida Law

F.S. [787.06](#) and F.S. 409.1678

Attorney General Bondi worked with the Florida Legislature in 2012 to establish new laws that accomplish the following:

- Consolidate Florida’s criminal trafficking provisions into one statute (787.06), making it more user-friendly for law enforcement;
- Increase trafficking penalties to first degree felonies;
- Allow Florida to prosecute not only perpetrators who profit from trafficking with actual knowledge of the crime but also those who do so with reckless disregard (willful blindness);
- Provide that those convicted of human sex trafficking may be designated as sex offenders and sex predators;
- Authorize the interception of wire, oral, and electronic communications of suspected traffickers;
- Provide that any property used for human trafficking is subject to forfeiture;
- Expand the definition of “commercial sexual activities” to include the production of pornography and sexually explicit performances;
- Require massage establishments/employees to present valid photo identification and work authorization upon request; and
- Give jurisdiction for human trafficking to the Statewide Prosecutor and the Statewide Grand Jury.

Attorney General Bondi also assisted with the creation of Florida’s new “Safe Harbor Law” (F.S. 409.1678) that gives Florida law enforcement officials the option to place minors found engaged in prostitution in a dependency rather than a delinquency track.

1 National Human Trafficking Resource Center

2 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2012

