

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



- Beware of (job) opportunities that seem too good to be true, such as all expenses paid for work abroad. Research these opportunities with local authorities to determine legitimacy.

Ask yourself:

- Why is it unimportant that you have no skills or qualifications?
- Are you being promised lots of money, a great life, and other gifts?
- Are you being chosen because you are young, good looking, and of a particular sex?
- Will somebody get travel and/or identification documents for you?
- If you are to go abroad, will you be illegal in the other country?
- Are you being urged to lie if you are to travel abroad?

You can protect yourself by:

- Increasing awareness
- Getting adequate information when traveling abroad
- Making sure that someone at home can contact you when you travel abroad
- Getting official documents
- Not giving anyone your documents(passport, tickets, etc.)
- Always keeping your passport, national I.D. card and other travel documents safe.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP



TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- Keep your eyes and ears open for evidence of Human Trafficking. **Be aware! Look around** - Do you see new persons in your community that appear to not be able to move around freely?
- If you or someone you know appears to have been lured, trapped, tricked, threatened or imprisoned by a stranger, friend or family member then this could be a case of human trafficking!
- Report Trafficking in Persons when you see or suspect it. Call [847](tel:847) or the nearest Police Station

**Know the signs
See it,
Report it.**

There are agencies that can help

Department of Home Affairs & National Security

Email: info@antitraffickingslu.org

Tel: - (758) 468-3600

www.antitraffickingslu.org

Royal Saint Lucia Police Force

Email: police@antitraffickingslu.org

Tel: 847

911 for the nearest Police Station

Department of Human Services

Email: humanservices@health.gov.lc

Tel: (758) 451-7777 OR 468-5372

Division of Gender Relations

Email: gender.relations@govt.lc



SAINT LUCIA

NATIONAL TASK FORCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



What is Human Trafficking/ Trafficking in Persons (TIP)?

- Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery.
- It is a worldwide criminal activity.
- It is the transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. (Counter-Trafficking Act, No.7 of 2010)
- Trafficking in persons together with illegal arms trade is the second largest organized criminal industry in the world.

For more information go to:

<http://www.ccv.org/issues/human-trafficking/>

- TIP involves three interrelated activities: 1) recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by the 2) means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for 3) exploitation.
- It is estimated that 40.3 million persons are enslaved world wide.
- Women account for 71% of all trafficking victims.
- One in four of all victims detected globally are children.
- 16 million people around the world are victims of forced labour exploitation.
- 173 countries and territories worldwide have criminalized trafficking by means of specific offence in line with the trafficking in Persons Protocol.

HOW TO IDENTIFY A VICTIM

- Evidence of being controlled and lack of ability to move freely or leave a job.
- Bruises or other signs of physical abuse.
- Lack of ID or its possession by another individual
- Inability to move to another location.
- Does not manage his/her own money.
- Lives with multiple persons, usually in a small space.



MOST LIKELY PLACES WHERE VICTIMS CAN BE FOUND

- Massage Parlours
- Escort Services
- Bars and Strip Clubs
- Resort Areas
- Hotels and Night Clubs
- Homes
- Hair and Nail Salons
- Agricultural Farms
- Illicit Drug Trade
- Restaurants
- Commercial Sex Areas
- In Pornography
- Begging
- Film & Magazine Industry
- Other Business Places

SAINT LUCIA GOVERNMENT COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

The Government of Saint Lucia is committed to combating trafficking in persons. It is an offence punishable by law under the Counter-Trafficking Act of 2010

(<http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/52452daf4.pdf>)

- A National Task Force has been established
- A National Action Plan, which includes a public awareness campaign to address trafficking in persons, has been formulated.
- A number of police officers have been trained to provide victim - centered law enforcement assistance.
- Social service agencies and NGO's have participated in a number of victim-centered training programmes.