

# January: National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality.



Human trafficking is often a hidden crime. Victims may be afraid to come forward and get help; they may be forced or coerced through threats or violence; they may fear retribution from traffickers, including danger to their families; and they may not be in possession of or have control of their identification documents.

Faith communities can make an impact during National Human Trafficking Prevention Month – and year-round – by:

- learning about the [myths and misconceptions](#) and key [indicators](#) of human trafficking
- publicizing Blue Campaign human trafficking infographic in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and National Human Trafficking Hotline [poster](#) on your bulletin boards, website, newsletter and social media sites
- raising awareness of the signs of human trafficking by sharing [Blue Campaign awareness videos](#) and the Blue Campaign [indicator card](#)
- keeping the [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) handy: 1-888-373-7888

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