

See It. Know it. Report It.

Human Trafficking Recognition & Response



What is Human Trafficking? *Exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion to engage in commercial sex or provide free labor/services*

Human Trafficking can happen to anyone, anywhere, even in Northern Virginia



Use your unique strengths to fight trafficking

Disrupt & prevent the trafficking industry

Protect at-risk populations

Help provide access to support & services

Be cautious confronting traffickers and victims!

- Keep yourself and others safe
- Take notes to remember the details
- Try to make eye contact with victims and convey trust that you care about their safety
- Contact the police tipline or the national hotline to report suspected trafficking or to get help



Take Safe Action

If someone is in immediate danger, call **911**

If you see something suspicious, contact

Virginia State Police Tipline

Text: **847411** (Type "VSP" followed by the tip)

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888

Text **HELP** or **INFO** to **233733 (BEFREE)**

Visit [humantraffickinghotline.org](https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)

See back for non-emergency numbers by county

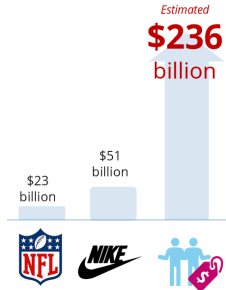


Together, we can protect dignity and prevent exploitation

Human Trafficking Key Take-Aways

Under U.S. law, causing someone **under the age of 18** to engage in a commercial sex act, regardless of using force, fraud, or coercion, is human trafficking

Trafficking generates more profit annually than NFL and Nike combined



Women and girls account for

71%
of human trafficking victims

In some states, there are 2x more illicit massage parlors than Starbucks



Average age of a person trafficked for sex



15
years old



Approximately **55%** of sex-trafficking victims are **recruited online** through social media, messaging & dating apps, chat rooms, or job and classified sites



Virginia has more than 650 Illicit Massage Businesses (IMBs); 300+ in NOVA with 175+ in Fairfax County. From May 2024 to May 2025, nearly 60,000 victims were being trafficked for sexual services within 50 miles of the 22030 zip code.

(Source: The Network and Dark Watch (2025))

Who are **Most At-Risk**?

- Children in the welfare, foster care, or juvenile justice system
- Runaways and homeless youth
- Survivors of past abuse or trauma
- People from a marginalized community (e.g., experiencing poverty, LGBTQ+, person with disabilities, American Indians)
- Migrants or foreign nationals
- People with substance abuse or mental health issues
- People isolated from support system

What Are the Potential Signs?

- Appears fearful, anxious, or controlled by someone else
- Has no control over ID, money, or travel
- Works long hours for little or no pay
- Cannot leave work or home freely
- Shows signs of neglect, injury, or malnutrition
- Has stopped attending school
- Has bruises in various stages of healing
- Disconnected from family, friends, community or house of worship

Virginia County Police Non-Emergency Numbers

Alexandria: (703) 746-4444

Arlington: (703) 558-2222

Fairfax County: (703) 691-2131

Fauquier County: (540) 347-3300

Loudoun County: (703) 777-1021

Prince William County: (703) 792-6500

Manassas City: (703) 257-8000

Manassas Park: (703) 361-1136

Dumfries: (703) 792-6500