HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HOW STATES ARE RESPONDING

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Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking

• Overview – why a uniform act
• Resources
http://www.letsendhumantrafficking.org

• Three key parts
  • Penalties
  • Protections for Victims
  • Public Awareness and Coordination

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The Numbers Are Disturbing
Across the globe, an estimated 27 million people are trafficked every year. They are coerced, often by force or else by deception, into forced labor or sexual servitude. Approximately 14,500 to 17,000 victims are brought into the United States each year. Children make up a distressingly high percentage of human-trafficking victims here and abroad.

Human trafficking is now the second fastest growing crime in the United States, behind only drug trafficking.

The Uniform Act
creates the three-pronged approach that law enforcement and victims’ advocates consider essential:

1. Penalize the Traffickers and Users
The Uniform Act penalizes the criminal conduct—trafficking, forced labor, and sexual servitude—at the core of human trafficking, including those who knowingly benefit by using human trafficking victims.

2. Protect the Victims
The Uniform Act provides the protections and remedies that human-trafficking victims need to recover and rebuild their lives.

3. Build Public Awareness
The Uniform Act promotes partnerships in the fight against human trafficking, elevates public awareness, advances prevention methods, and fosters development of coordinated victim services.

Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery.

How Do We Stop It?
Every state has one or more laws on human trafficking, but these laws vary greatly across the U.S. To end human trafficking, comprehensive and uniform laws are needed. Criminal laws must enable law enforcement to catch and prosecute traffickers both on the supply side and the demand side of human trafficking. Victim protection and public awareness laws are essential.

We need to support and protect victims, which helps make them more willing to trust and assist police and prosecutors.

We need to provide housing, counseling, and other assistance, so victims aren’t forced back to traffickers.

We need to build awareness and planning to help the public, state agencies, and other organizations effectively coordinate efforts to stop trafficking.

A Uniform Act to Prevent Human Trafficking
The Uniform Act on the Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking is a comprehensive law providing states with the key legal tools needed to end human trafficking. Every state can bolster its efforts by adopting the Uniform Act’s provisions.

More information on the Uniform Act can be found at www.LetsEndHumanTrafficking.org.

It exists in every state.

How many of these provisions of the Uniform Act are provided in your state?

1. Penalizing the Traffickers and Users
   - Trafficking Defined
   - Forced Labor
   - Sexual Servitude
   - “Coercion”
   - Knowing or Patronizing a Sexual Servitude Victim
   - Penalties for Minor for Commercial Sexual Activity
   - Business Liability for Knowingly Engaging in Human Trafficking
   - Aggravating Circumstances
   - Restitution Payments by Traffickers
   - Forfeiture of Property Used in or Obtained through Human Trafficking
   - 20-Year Statute of Limitations

2. Protecting Victims
   - Confidentiality Protection for Victims and Families
   - Ban on Use of Victim’s Past Sexual History
   - Immunity for Minors for Prostitution/Nuisance Offenses Committed as a Victim
   - Affirmative Defense for Prostitution/Nuisance Offenses Committed as a Victim
   - Motion to Vacate Prostitution/Nuisance Convictions for Acts Committed as a Victim
   - Victims Can File a Civil Action against Traffickers

3. Planning and Public Awareness
   - Human Trafficking Council and Plan
   - Public-Awareness Signs
   - Victim Eligibility for Victims Compensation Funds
   - Law-Enforcement Agency Protocol
   - Authorize Grants to Third Parties for Victim Services

Slavery Still Exists. Let’s End It.

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888 (TTY INFO 888-373-7887)
www.letsendhumantrafficking.org

Uniform Law Commission
HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SOME STARK REALITIES

- Human trafficking has been reported all across the United States.
- Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.
- Experts believe that 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation; 20% involves forced labor.
- An estimated 244,000 American children and youth are at risk of child sexual exploitation, including commercial sexual exploitation.
- At least 100,000 U.S children are forced into prostitution each year.
- Human trafficking can take place anywhere, including hotels, nail salons, restaurants, truck stops, and private homes in any neighborhood. Human trafficking “hides in plain sight.”
- After inflicting physical and psychological abuse, traffickers often coerce their victims to become recruiters, transporters, and enforcers.
- Human-trafficking victims often do not seek help due to self-blame, a lack of trust, or their traffickers’ instructions to distrust authorities and others.

The Uniform Law Commission

Since 1892, the ULC has served the states and their citizens by creating uniform state laws that help families, businesses, property owners, service members, and many more.

The ULC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Uniform law commissioners are appointed from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Commissioners work with legislators, attorneys, organizations and others to study, draft, and enact state-specific laws.

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Rosen is currently the ranking minority member of the Senate Health and Human Services Budget Division Committee. She is also a member of the Senate’s Environment and Energy, Capital Investment, lead Republican for Pensions, and Health, Human Services and Housing committees. Her areas of concern include jobs, health care, agriculture, renewable energy, drug treatment and education, long-term care, economic development and taxes.
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