



Available resources to better understand human trafficking and assist victims and survivors of this heinous crime in Canada

Human trafficking is defined as recruiting, transporting, transferring, receiving, holding, concealing or harbouring a person, or exercising control direction or influence over the movements of a person, to exploit them or to assist in facilitating their exploitation (sections 279.01 and 279.011 of the Canadian Criminal Code).

Human trafficking in Canada is occurring at **shocking levels**. It is a sophisticated, organized crime and that demands sophisticated, coordinated and integrated solutions. Better understanding the facts about human trafficking is a major step in helping to fight this crime. **The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking** has been established as the national “backbone” organization working on this issue. The Centre collaborates and works with the various stakeholders dedicated to this issue, including all levels of government, private sector businesses and front-line service providers in order to advance best practices and eliminate duplicate efforts across Canada.

It is crucial to learn about what human trafficking is, how it can happen and where to go for help. **The Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline** is a confidential, victim-centered, multilingual service, operating 24/7 to connect victims and survivors with social services, law enforcement, and emergency services, as well as receive tips from the public. The Hotline can be reached at 1 833 900-1010.

In this modern-day form of slavery, traffickers can maintain control over a victim in many different ways. It might be physical or psychological, through manipulation, threats, and the abuse of trust and power. The Government of Canada has launched the **National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking 2019-2024** to increase awareness of human trafficking so that Canadians can better understand the signs of this crime that can occur in their communities and improve the ability of government officials and front-line staff in key sectors to identify, detect and protect victims and survivors.

Access to available services is vital for victims and survivors of human trafficking. The Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline’s **National Referral Directory** is a resource to connect victims and survivors to emergency, transitional, and long-term services in communities across Canada.

Survivor-led organizations such as **BridgeNorth** and **Project iRISE** help survivors to get access to the available resources. **Covenant House**, **The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC)**, **The Thunder Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking** and **ACT Alberta** are amongst the organizations and networks working in collaboration with local, provincial and national partners to identify, respond to and prevent human trafficking.

👉 **Useful links** to better understand human trafficking and assist victims and survivors of this crime:

👉 **Facts and Myths about Human Trafficking:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/campaigns/human-trafficking/facts-myths.html>

👉 **Human trafficking services and supports:** <https://www.ontario.ca/page/human-trafficking-services-and-supports>



👉 **National Strategy To Combat Human Trafficking 2019-2024:**

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrccs/pblctns/2019-ntnl-strtg-hmnn-trffc/index-en.aspx>

👉 **National Referral Directory:** <https://www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca/referral-directory/>

👉 **Hotline's Resources Library:** <https://www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca/resources-library/>