

Collaborative Model

The collaborative model allows for all victims served by the BKHTTF to be served by all available services and resource. BKHTTF consists of law enforcement, non-governmental agencies, city agencies, hospitals, for-profit companies and advocates to address issues surrounding human trafficking in Brooklyn, NY.



For Emergencies
Call 911

To report human trafficking

Call the Kings County
District Attorney's Office Hotline
718-250-2770
24/7 | Anonymous

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To access victim services

Call the Safe Horizon
Anti-Trafficking Intake Line
718-943-8652

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Mission Statement

- Combat all forms of human trafficking through a coordinated community response;
- Use a victim-centered approach in proactively investigating and prosecuting human trafficking;
- Provide comprehensive, trauma-informed services to victims of human trafficking; and
- Enhance community capacity to identify and report human trafficking

Goals

- Develop and implement standard protocol for serving victims of trafficking for law enforcement and service providers.
- Conduct coordinated training and outreach to community groups in all neighborhoods
- Streamline referral processes to law enforcement and service providers
- Provide comprehensive information regarding services to all victims served by the task force

What is Human Trafficking?



BASIC STAGES OF GROOMING

Grooming is the process of preparing or training someone for a specific purpose, sex or labor trafficking

TARGETING A VICTIM
Traffickers target victims who have some noticeable vulnerability: emotional neediness, low self-confidence or economic stress.

GAINING TRUST & INFORMATION

Obtaining information about the victim is key. This can be done through texting, online dating apps, or casual conversations with the victim.



FILLING A NEED

The information gained allows the trafficker to target the victim's needs. This can be done through buying gifts, offering a job, providing housing, beginning a love relationship, or buying drugs and alcohol.

ABUSE BEGINS

The trafficker begins to claim that the services, gifts, or debt must be repaid. In sex trafficking cases, the trafficker demands the victim work in the commercial sex industry to repay debt. In labor trafficking cases, the trafficker creates toxic working conditions for the victim.

MAINTAIN CONTROL

The trafficker maintains control of the victim through threats, violence, fear or blackmail.

Where does it happen?

Labor Trafficking



Sex Trafficking



Red Flags for Human Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

- Chronic Runaway and truancy from school
- Branding or tattoos
- Older romantic partner
- Substance Abuse
- Constantly being controlling
- Pictures of escort ads on phone
- Multiple Phones
- Unexplained Injuries
- Branding or tattoos
- Hotel Keys
- Rolls of Cash
- Refillable Gift Cards
- Inappropriate clothing for weather or situation
- Unable to make decisions without approval

Labor Trafficking

- Signs of physical abuse and/or malnourishment
- Paid very little or not at all
- High level of control and /or security
- Person not allowed to leave location
- Works excessively long or unusual hours
- Living where they work or in large groups
- Transported to and from work by their employer
- Identification documents held by a third party
- Not allowed or able to speak for themselves
- Fearful of authorities

Presence of any one of these does not automatically equate to trafficking, however, multiple factors present requires further investigation into human trafficking.