

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Trafficking of human beings is a violation of human rights and a modern day form of slavery. People are trafficked into different types of labour including restaurant and hotel work, domestic work, construction, agriculture and entertainment, as well as prostitution and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation. Under the Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Act, 2008 penalties of up to life imprisonment apply to offences of trafficking in human beings (adults and children) into or within Ireland for the purpose of their labour or sexual exploitation or the removal of their organs.

It is estimated that the sale of people is the world's third most lucrative criminal activity after arms trading and drug dealing.

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?

- Are children not being given access to schooling or are they engaged in activities not suitable for children?
- Are women being escorted wherever they go?
- Are people living in groups in unsuitable accommodation and working long hours?
- Are people depending on their employer for a number of services, including work transportation and accommodation?

DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

If you have any information or suspect someone to be a trafficker or a victim of trafficking you can anonymously telephone a hot-line number for the confidential reporting of suspicions of trafficking at **1800 25 00 25** or e-mail your concerns to blueblindfold@garda.ie

For further information log on to
www.blueblindfold.gov.ie
where you will find information about the
trafficking of human beings.

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