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Steps to take when you think you have identified a trafficked person

1. If you suspect that a trafficking situation has not yet been reported or investigated, contact the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-3737-888** or the **Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force complaint line (TPWETF) at 1-888-428-7581**.

The NHTRC is operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (HHS/ORR) and connects potential victims in need of rescue to social service workers and law enforcement who have experience helping trafficking victims. The Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division's TPWETF seeks to prevent trafficking and exploitation and investigates and prosecutes cases when such violations occur.

2. You may come into contact with a trafficking victim who is already involved with law enforcement. If this is the case, you may still need to help:
 - Make sure that the local law enforcement involved in the case are aware that victims of a severe form of trafficking have rights under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA): <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/10492.pdf>. Local law enforcement should coordinate with federal law enforcement to ensure that the person be certified by the Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Refugee Resettlement (HHS/ORR). Certification allows trafficking victims access to social services to the same extent as refugees. These benefits include social and medical services and cash assistance.
 - Because the TVPA guarantees certain rights to trafficking victims, it is important they find a reputable pro-bono immigration attorney. USCCB/MRS works with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC), a legal technical assistance provider, to ensure trafficking victims have access to legal representation. To find trafficking related legal assistance, contact [CLINIC](http://www.clinic.org) at 408-554-5368.
 - Call the [USCCB/MRS Anti-Trafficking Services Program](http://www.usccb.org/mrs/traffickingweb.shtml) at 202-541-3357 to connect the victim with a social service agency and to have the trafficking victim enrolled in the HHS/USCCB Anti-Trafficking Services Contract Program to provide services to certified and pre-certified victims of trafficking.

The HHS/USCCB program also can provide resources on trafficking, the TVPA, service needs of trafficking victims, and the benefits for which they are eligible.

3. If you are not sure whether a trafficking investigation is underway or if the victim has been certified, contact Lorna Grenadier, the Department of Justice's Victim Witness Coordinator, at 202-616-3807 or HHS/USCCB Anti-Trafficking Services Contract Program. If the victim is a child, contact the HHS/ORR Trafficking Verification Line at (202) 401-5510.
4. For more information on Human Trafficking and the USCCB's response, please visit our website: <http://www.usccb.org/mrs/trafficking/index.shtml>