Human Trafficking Described

Human Trafficking affects both citizens and non-citizens

In fact, many victims are citizens who are trafficked within the borders of their own country, including the United States. Additionally, despite what the name implies, forced movement or travel is not always an element of a human trafficking crime. Anyone can become a victim of this crime, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality or immigration status.

Trafficking in persons is modern day slavery

Victims of human trafficking, men, women and children, can be exploited for the purpose of commercial sexual activity, including prostitution and pornography, as well as many types of forced labor, including domestic servitude and migrant agricultural work. Traffickers lure and control their victims through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, and employ techniques such as physical and psychological abuse, false employment offers, document holding, and isolation.
Train and assist law enforcement in methods of identifying victims and signs of trafficking in order to disrupt and interdict this activity.

Coordinate statewide efforts in the identification and provision of services to victims of human trafficking.

Increase the successful interdiction and prosecution of trafficking of human persons.

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New Jersey, centrally located between the northern portion of the East Coast and the tri-state metropolitan region of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C., is easily accessible by car, bus, truck, van, train, boat, and plane.

All things considered, New Jersey has the potential to be one of the country’s major entry, transit, and destination states for trafficking.

Once here, these victims are forced into prostitution and other forms of sex work, labor, and domestic service.

Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Hotline

If you believe that you are a victim or have identified a victim of human trafficking, please call this Toll-Free hotline:

- **Hotline:** 855.END.NJ.HT
- **855.363.6548**