Human Trafficking Described

 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.

 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.
To address the problem of trafficking of humans in New Jersey, the Attorney General and the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) have convened the New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force (NJHTTF), comprised of state and federal law enforcement agencies, state regulatory departments, advocacy groups, and social service providers. The Attorney General and DCJ are committed to training and assisting law enforcement in methods of identifying victims and signs of trafficking to disrupt and interdict this activity.

The Attorney General and DCJ recognize the need to coordinate law enforcement efforts and to take a multi-disciplinary approach in addressing the needs of victims of all forms of human trafficking. Providing law enforcement with information and education on trafficking and trafficked victims, together with a collaborative, coordinated response to victims’ needs, should increase the ability of federal and state prosecutors to successfully prosecute individuals who engage in trafficking of persons.

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.

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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:

**855-END-NJ-HT**