

Solutions to Child Trafficking

- **Awareness.** Awareness campaigns through television and radio as well as educational workshops must be carried out to limit this scourge.
- **Access.** Access to information is important and families must know the risks associated with trafficking.
- **Laws.** Laws aimed at fighting trafficking in children must be created and enforced.
- **International.** International legal instruments relating to child trafficking must be enforced by national governments.
- **International Cooperation.** Effective international cooperation is important as child trafficking networks often extend beyond the borders of a country.



Protect our Children Let us work to Prevent Child Trafficking

If you suspect child trafficking,
do not hesitate to contact one of the
following agencies immediately!

The Royal Bahamas Police Force	919/911
The National Hotline	1-242-322-2763
Crisis Centre Hotline	1-242-328-0922
Crime Stoppers Bahamas	328-8477(TIPS)
Family Island	1-242-300-8477
The Ministry of National Security	1-242-502-3300

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Child Trafficking



What is Child Trafficking?

Child trafficking is the recruitment, transport, transfer and housing of a child by methods such as force, kidnapping, deceit and fraud, typically for purposes of forced labour or sexual exploitation.

A child is generally considered to be anyone under the age of 18 years.

The trafficking of humans is a form of modern-day slavery.

Reasons for Trafficking of Children:

- Forced labour
- Sexual Exploitation
- Forced Begging
- Domestic Work
- Construction Work
- Generally, children are more vulnerable, cheaper to hire and less likely to demand better working conditions.

Most children are trafficked for sexual exploitation. Girls trafficked for domestic work are often sexually exploited.

Where does Trafficking of Children Take Place?

Cases of human trafficking can be found throughout the world. Children who are trafficked can be taken to another country where they do not have contact with their families and are at the mercy of their traffickers.

The traffickers organize themselves into large international networks, which may also engage in operations such as drug trafficking, gun smuggling and money laundering.

How does child trafficking occur?

- Abduction from the streets
- Being sold into sexual slavery
- Forced marriage by relatives
- Social media websites
- Telephone chat-lines
- After School programmes

Causes of Child Trafficking include:

- Poverty
- Lack of education
- Natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes
- Absence of birth registration

Indicators of Child Trafficking:

The following red-flags can indicate trafficking:

- Has no access to parents or guardians
- Appears intimidated and does not behave in a way that is typical of young children
- Has no access to education or does not attend school on a regular basis
- Has no time for play
- Frequently runs away from home
- Has bruises, is withdrawn, displays depression, anxiety or fear
- Hungry, malnourished, inappropriately dressed
- Has coached responses to questions
- Confinement in a locked and/or guarded facility
- Travels in groups with persons who are not relatives
- Employment of young children against local laws and regulations