



# Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force

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Report Human Trafficking: [httaskforce@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:httaskforce@cookcountyil.gov)

**In an emergency - dial 911**

## Working with a victim who wants to make a police report:

- ▶ Follow your agency's guidelines on contacting law enforcement on behalf of a victim.
- ▶ If you are working with a non-U.S. citizen, consult an immigration attorney.
- ▶ Provide basic information that will help determine appropriate law enforcement referral:
  - Type of trafficking
  - Location
  - Your telephone number so a member of the task force can call to discuss options

## Working with a victim who does not want to make a police report (*anonymous tip*)

Description of the criminal enterprise:

- ▶ Location
  - Address or approximate address
  - Description of building:
    - Residence or business?
    - Physical description
- ▶ How it operates
  - ▶ Does it involve
    - Sexually exploited children?
    - Forced labor or services?

**Offender Information:** When receiving an anonymous tip, get as much information about the offender(s) as possible:

Name Age (date of birth) Social Security Number Driver's License (state issued) Physical Description: Race Height Weight Hair Eyes Tattoos/Scars/birthmarks Other unique identifiers Prior arrests? When Where Charge	Telephone Numbers <i>*Remember: contact/phonebook in victim's phone can be essential in a case*</i> Cell Phone Landline  Email Address  Social networking information <i>(MySpace, Facebook, craigslist, backpage, etc.)</i>  Business websites User/Domain names  Do they use public computers? If so, where <i>(library, kinkos, etc.)</i>	Bank accounts or credit cards Bank affiliated with or issued from Name on account or card  Pre-paid debit card Where/when purchased or refilled  Vehicles Make Model Color Year License Plate Any identifying decals or damage
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## Informed Consent

Be aware of your agency's confidential communication policy.

If sharing victim provided information with law enforcement will violate this policy, ask victim to sign a release form before contacting law enforcement.

Release forms should:

- ▶ Explain the risks of reporting information
- ▶ Be short and in common language
- ▶ Be available in a language the victim understands
- ▶ Be signed and dated by the victim, acknowledging they understand

