

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.

Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation.

Prevalance

- The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally.
- 81% of them are trapped in forced labor.
- 25% of them are children.
- 75% are women and girls.
- In 2016, an estimated 1 out of 6 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex trafficking victims.
- More than 50% of trafficking victims are being sexually exploited.

Human Trafficking can happen to anyone regardless of race, gender, economic status, or sexual orientation.

You are not alone. It is not your fault. Free, Confidential Services are available to you.

Types of Human Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

Effects women and children at a disproportionately higher rate.

Could include:

- Being forced to participate in a sexual act for money, drugs, or favors
- Being forced to give money made during commercial sex to a "pimp" or "manager"
- Being forced or manipulated into participating in explicit images on pornography
- Your partner coercing you into sexual acts with another person for benefit

Labor Trafficking

Being forced or coerced using any scheme, plan, or pattern into any of the following acts:

- domestic servitude
- agricultural work
- manufacturing
- janitorial work
- hotel services
- construction
- health or elder care
- hair and nail salons
- prostitution
- strip club work

Debt Bondage

Being forced (by any scheme, plan, or pattern) to work unfairly long hours or provide sex acts as a way of "paying back" a large debt

Support and Services Are Available

All services are free and confidential. They are available regardless of race, age, economic status, religion, or sexual orientation.

Services Available:

- Comprehensive Case Management
- Safety Planning
- Assistance in Fleeing Trafficker
- Individual Counseling
- Support Groups
- Criminal Justice System Advocacy
- Legal Advocacy
- Assistance in divorce and custody processes
- Emergency shelter
- Assistance in accessing a sexual assault forensic exam
- Emergency relocation assistance



EPEC is the only licensed domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking services provider in the Eastern Panhandle. Trained Human Trafficking Services Providers are available to take your call 24/7.

**Free, Confidential Hotline:
304-263-8292**

OUR NEW LOOK

For over four decades, Shenandoah Women's Center has been a steady resource and voice for people in crisis. The rebrand of our organization- to better reflect the 40 years of work we've done to stem the tide of violence against women, men and children in the Eastern Panhandle- is a great way to celebrate!

EPEC's services are available to all, it's time our name reflects that commitment.

365/24/7 Confidential Hotline:

304-263-8292

Help Available by Email:

info@swcinc.org



EASTERN PANHANDLE
**EMPOWERMENT
CENTER**

Comprehensive Victim
Services Provider

Outreach Office Hours of Operation

Day	Hours
Monday	8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am-4:30pm
Thursday	8:30am-4:30pm
Friday	8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

**NEW: Jefferson County Office open 8a-6pm
Monday- Friday**



Office Locations and Phone Numbers

There is help near you!

Berkeley County:

236 West Martin Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401
304-263-8522

Jefferson County:

113 East Third Avenue, Ranson, WV 25438
304-725-7080

Morgan County:

131 Congress Street, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1078

Formerly Shenandoah Women's Center

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Available to Survivors

Serving Berkeley, Morgan, and
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