

RIGHTS OF A TRAFFICKED PERSON

As a victim of trafficking, you have the right to:



be treated with respect; and your right to privacy protected including during court proceedings;



be informed of the process for filing complaints, claiming compensation and other remedies available to you in a language you understand;



receive trauma-informed care, and mental health and psychosocial care services (for you and your family);



receive educational and employment assistance, livelihood and skills training, and medical services;



be kept safe from harm, threats and other forms of violence, and receive temporary sheltering;



Not be criminalized (or charged, or punished) for your involvement in unlawful activities during your trafficking experience



decide whether to be a witness or not; and be supported and protected as a witness; and



not be removed or demoted from your position in your work.



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Report Human Trafficking!
Call
Domestic: (02) 1343

WHO IS A TRAFFICKED PERSON

A Trafficked Person can be a child or adult, male or female, Filipino or a foreign national.

Trafficked persons are those recruited, moved, transported, transferred, harbored, provided, detained, offered, maintained, or received through fraudulent, deceptive, forceful, violent or controlling means, or by taking advantage of their vulnerabilities for purposes of:



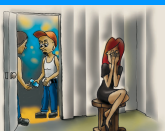
Domestic Slavery



Mail-Order Spouse



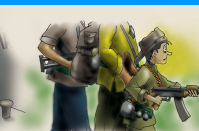
Sale of Human Organs



Sex Slavery and Pornography



Labor Trafficking



Children in Armed Conflict

WHAT A TRAFFICKED PERSON NEEDS TO KNOW

English Language

All service providers, government and non-government, must ensure that your rights are upheld, and your best interests are a primary consideration in all actions affecting you, most especially when you are a child.

It's services must be trauma-informed, victim-centered, and child-sensitive.

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You were identified as a **Trafficked Person** by law enforcers or service providers

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DECISION POINT: To testify or not?

NO	YES
you can go home	authorities will take your statement, it's called a "Judicial Affidavit"

2

If you **AGREE**, together, law enforcers, prosecutors and social workers will talk to you about your experience, and give you information about the process and your options.



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Police **FILES** the complaint at the Prosecutor's Office



Prosecutor reviews the complaint and decides whether there is **enough evidence to go to trial**
If YES, the criminal case will be filed in Court.

NO TRIAL	TRIAL
you can go home	Prosecutor moves for Trial



For your safety, and while waiting for trial to begin, you may be **placed in a shelter**



Below are programs and services available to you:



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Free legal service, and assistance under the Witness Protection, Security, and Benefit Program and Board of Claims.

Contact No.: (02) 521 - 3404



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT:

Psychosocial counseling for victims and their families, temporary shelter and other support services including medical and educational assistance, transportation and repatriation, and access to skills trainings and employment and livelihood opportunities.

Contact No.: (02) 931-9141



PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Apprehension of Traffickers, Rescue of Victims;
Contact No.: (02) 724 - 8773 or 8767



NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Apprehension of Traffickers, Rescue of Victims;
Contact No.: (02) 521 - 9208



TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Skills and Entrepreneurial Trainings
Contact No.: (02) 887 - 7777



COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS:

Legal and financial assistance
Contact No.: (02) 927-5790 or 928-7240



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

Free and confidential healthcare services
Contact No.: (02) 651 - 7800



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT:

Training, employment and livelihood programs
Contact No.: (02) 527 - 3000



PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION:

Legal Assistance.
Contact No.: (02) 722 - 1144/55/66/88



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Free Education; Alternative Learning System
Contact No.: (02) 634 - 0222; 636 - 6547

YOU and the JUSTICE PROCESS

KNOW: All Service Providers MUST talk to you about your rights and options moving forward. There are many government agencies and NGOs with services and programs for trafficked persons. ACCESS them, ask your Social Worker. The Prosecutor is your Lawyer. The service provided is FREE. Also, you can demand for victim compensation.

The information you give are KEPT PRIVATE, shared only with service providers dealing directly with you. You can request to talk in a SAFE and SECURE place and to someone who speaks and understands your language.

If you fear for your (and/or your family's) safety, SAY so. You can be given protection.

GUILTY	NOT GUILTY
Continue to serve sentence.	Decision is FINAL. Accused is released.

Trafficker files an **APPEAL** with the Supreme Court.



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GUILTY	NOT GUILTY
Trafficker may appeal with the Supreme Court	Decision is FINAL. Accused is released.

Trafficker files an **APPEAL** with the Court of Appeals.



Prosecutor **FILES** a case before the Regional Trial Court



Both parties present their case. You may have to appear in Court or use a live-link TV to testify. After both sides finish, the Judge decides whether the Trafficker is **GUILTY** or **NOT GUILTY**.

GUILTY	NOT GUILTY
Trafficker may be imprisoned and ordered to pay a fine and damages.	Trial is OVER, the accused is released. BUT you can file and recover compensation



HOME