



## **ANTI-HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING GUIDANCE**

This is General Guidance ("Guidance") regarding 40 Days for Life ("40DFL") participants who believe that they may have witnessed and/or have information about potential human sex trafficking ("HST").

This Guidance is provided for informational and educational purposes and is neither meant to be nor shall be regarded as legal advice.

First, as with all 40DFL guidance, remain safe. Do not create an unsafe situation or put yourselves or others into an unsafe environment.

HST can lead to dangerous and violent situations.

Do not approach or confront anyone that you suspect is involved in HST.

If you are approached or confronted by anyone potentially involved with HST, do not engage and move to safety.

If you feel threatened, or the situation seems urgent, call 911.

If you are approached by a potential victim of HST, move to a confidential and safe location and make sure that you are not alone with the victim.

Keep your interactions brief and refer the victims to the resources below.

It will be very difficult to obtain concrete information in a short interaction and likely the Vigil participants are not trained for such discussions.

If you witness any suspected violent crime, including HST, contact local law enforcement or dial 911.

Do not intervene.

It is rare that someone is going to actively attack the victim in public.



In a non-emergency, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline and/or refer the victim:

By phone: 1-888-373-7888

By email: [help@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:help@humantraffickinghotline.org)

By text: text HELP to 233733 (BEFREE) or

Online chat: [www.humantraffickinghotline.org](http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)

Local resources can be found online on the same page as the National Human Trafficking Hotline page under the Referral Directory:

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/find-local-services>

If you are unable to find what you need through the National Human Trafficking Hotline or the Referral Directory, contact local law enforcement.

Make sure that your information is accurate and complete. Don't guess or speculate.

We appreciate your attention to this issue and want you to proceed with extreme caution.

We suggest that you use the established National and local resources as laid out above to keep you, the Vigil and the victims safe.