DARE TO LOOK.

The number of victims of human trafficking in Belgium is estimated at 23 000 (Global Survey Index). They are being exploited for the benefit of others. Their living situations are often inhumane.

Some **work under pressure for a pittance.** It occurs in all kinds of sectors: construction, hospitality, beauty salons, car washes, private homes, etc.

Others are **forced into prostitution,** for instance young girls who are the victims of teen pimps/'loverboys'.

Victims can also be **forced to beg in the streets** for the profit of others. These are just a few examples. **Human trafficking has many faces, but it always involves exploitation. Perpetrators often make use of force, violence, blackmail and deception.**

Although it often does not attract attention immediately, human trafficking **happens closer to home than you might think.** It happens to people who are born here as well as to people who moved here. Victims can be afraid to tell their story or may not have any documentation or financial means. Perpetrators are often well organised and very cautious to keep the reality of the situation under the radar.

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YOU CAN HELP.

To punish the perpetrators and help the victims, Belgium can pride itself on a solid international, European and national **legal framework** against human trafficking. Internationally, our country has invested 2 million Euro in the United Nations Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons.

You can help too: stay alert, do not close your eyes to suspicious situations and be aware of the options to assist victims and help track down perpetrators.

Do you suspect that someone is being exploited, or are you a victim of human trafficking yourself?

Contact the police (go to your local police station or call 101 for emergencies).

Talk about it with a confidential advisor (a health care provider, social worker, lawyer, etc.). The local public social welfare centre (OCMW) or house of justice can help you get started.

Contact the specialised shelters and support centres for advice and consultations:

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This initiative is part of the international day against trafficking in persons on 30 July and the campaign ***#EndHumanTrafficking*** *of the United Nations.*

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