

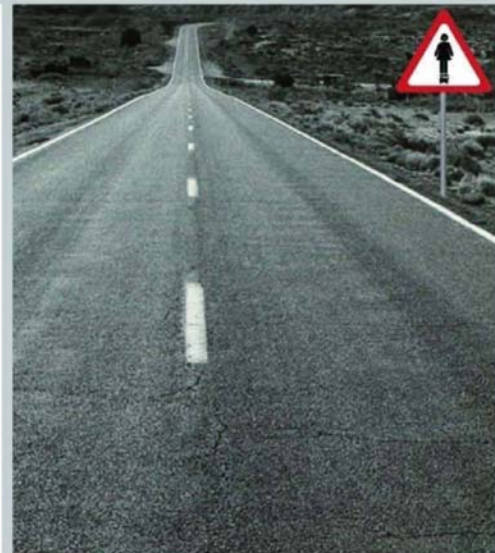


Trafficking in persons is against the law in Kosovo According to UNMIK regulation 2001/4:

- It is a crime to traffic another person.
(punishment 5-20 years depending on the circumstances)
- It is a crime to withhold someone else's passport or other documents.
(punishment 6 months to 5 years depending on circumstances)
- It is a crime to use the "services" of a victim of trafficking.
(punishment 3 months to 5 years depending on circumstances)
- Article 139 of criminal law in Kosovo sets the length of time for the privation from freedom, including harsh punishments, in particular if the victim is under the age of 18.
- Anyone involved in human trafficking will be sentenced to jail from 2 to 12 years.
(These punishments are harsher if it involves trafficking of children)
- Anyone who organises a group of persons to conduct an act from the First Paragraph from this Article, will be fined up to 500,000 Euros and sentenced to jail from 7 to 20 years.
- Anyone who carelessly facilitates the act of Trafficking in Human Beings will be sentenced to jail from 6 months to 5 years.
- Anyone who uses or assures sexual services from a person that he/she initially knows, that he/she is a victim of trafficking, will be sentenced to jail from 3 months to 5 years.
(These punishments are harsher if it involves trafficking of children)
- If the criminal act from this Article is conducted by an officer in charge, this person will be sentenced to jail from 5 to 15 years.



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STOP!
TRAFFICKING
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BEINGS



Trafficking in Human Beings

Trafficking in persons shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation. (UN protocol of Trafficking, September 2000)

Exploitation includes in minimum abuse of others for prostitution or other forms of sexual abuse, forced work, slavery or organs removal.

Trafficking in human beings is a violation of the most basic human rights!

All human beings are born free

Everyone has a right to life, liberty and security

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude

Slavery and slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms

No one shall be subject to torture

From Universal declaration of Human Rights (1948)



Trafficking in Human Beings in Kosovo

Accepting the wrong offer trusting the wrong person!

- Most of the victims are trafficked **within** Kosovo. *(The trafficking in human beings within the borders, is the highest in the region)*
- The trafficking process can last from **few days up to few years**.
- In most cases trafficked human beings in Kosovo are **young girls, women and children**.
- Trafficking in most cases is done for **sexual exploitation (82%)**
- **58%** of trafficked victims are children under 18 years old.
- **40%** were given false **job promises**,
- **30%** were **kidnapped/forced**,
- **17%** were promised **travelling** outside Kosovo,
- **10%** were given false promises for **marriage**;
- Most of them are tempted to get away from their home because of the **family problems**,
- Upon their return to their families they may show signs of **abuse, depression, anxiety, etc.**
- Usually they are recruited by someone they know: **a friend, a lover, someone close to them**.



Circumstances of Trafficking in Kosovo

- During the past few years the physical and sexual abuse against victims of trafficking, has increased.
- The number of victims that have no freedom of movement has increased too.
- The sexual abuse is done in the night-clubs or private places, and different to the places where the foreign victims of trafficking are abused.
- In most cases the sexual abuse is combined with forced labour as well, such as, watering and cleaning.
- Very rarely they get paid for their services, they work long hours, they are malnourished, and are forced to have 10-15 clients a day; they suffer from physical and sexual abuse and have limited freedom of movement *(if at all)*.

