

INFORM, ASK FOR HELP – YOU HAVE RIGHTS!

AROUND THE CLOCK

Common emergency ph. 112

You can leave a message

Police hotline: +370 5 272 5372

Police email: prekybazmonemis@policija.lt

- Police and/or help organisations will organise necessary assistance, including, if needed, temporary housing, food and other basics, contacting your family, etc.
- During your first conversation, an officer of a competent institution or organisation will explain rights of victims of human trafficking under Lithuanian legislation, including a right to assistance by a specialised organisation, and a right to the compensation of damages, tangible and intangible, caused by a violent crime.
- An officer or prosecutor of a pre-trial investigation institution will inform you about the criminal proceedings, and victim's rights and duties.
- Your country's embassy or consulate will provide you with information and necessary assistance, will issue a new document for coming home, etc.
- Based on their needs, victims of human trafficking can get psychological support, emergency medical care, temporary housing, food and other basics, legal aid and other support related to pre-trial investigation, integration into the labour market, etc.
- Citizens of third countries have a right to a reflection period of 30 days.

Help for men, women, children – victims of human trafficking

ph. +370 61691119 (24 hours a day)

info@stop-trafficking.lt

Free of charge missing children hotline

ph. 116000

State Labour Inspectorate hotline

ph. +370 5 2139750

email: info@vdi.lt

Submit information via web:

https://www.vdi.lt/Forms/Nelegalus_pranesk.aspx



THIS IS NOT WHAT KĘSTAS IS OFFERING YOU.

BE AWARE – YOU CAN BECOME A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

INFORM: prekybazmonemis@policija.lt, 112, (8 5) 272 53 72

YOU CAN BECOME A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHEN:

a stranger, or a friend or relative whom you have not seen for a long time

becomes very kind to you and:

- Offers a well-paid job and quick money, promises to take care of everything and cover your expenses ('you earn and then pay back').
- Avoids telling about him- or herself but boasts of good income and expensive belongings.
- Avoids providing full information about the job, employer, place, living and working conditions, payment, and other important details.
- Seeks to control you and seize your documents and cell phone, goes after you or, if refused, starts threatening.

IF OFFERED QUICK MONEY:

- Ask the employer, your family members and friends, search on the web about the firm, employer and intermediary, labour market situation and official payment rates.
- Demand labour contract and read the labour conditions including payment, compare to official rates in the respective country and check if they are realistic.
- If you have to travel, share information with your family members or friends about the employer, your new place of work and living, and new contact details, agree with them when you let them know about your arrival and how you warn them if you appear in trouble.

THREE 'IFs' WHICH SHOW THAT YOU COULD BECOME A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

1st IF they:

- Sold you, or
- Bought you, or
- Otherwise transferred you, or
- Purchased you, or
- Recruited you, or
- Transported you, or
- Held you captive

2nd IF they offered or forced you:

- To render sexual, pornographic etc. services, or
- To steal or commit other offences, or
- To work in slavery or similar conditions, or
- To beg, or
- To conclude fictitious marriage, or
- To sell a body organ, tissue or cell, or
- To work or render other services illegally

3rd IF someone else controlled you by:

- Using violence or threatening or otherwise depriving of resisting capability, or
- Deceiving, or
- Using your dependence or vulnerability, or
- Accepting or paying money, or
- Gaining from or providing benefit to someone who controlled you

Note. If a victim is a child, **1st and 2nd 'IFs'** are enough.

REMEMBER:

- In Lithuania, human trafficking is punishable by imprisonment of up to 12 years (or 15, for sale or purchase of a child). Find out more: the Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania, Articles 147, 1471, 1472 and 157.
- If someone was forced to commit crimes and this was directly related to becoming a victim of human trafficking, s/he can be released of criminal responsibility for these crimes.
- Your consent to provide sexual services, steal, conclude a fictitious marriage, etc. does not count, **if at least one of 3rd 'IFs'** was used.
- If someone uses work or services provided by a victim of human trafficking AND knows or should (could) know that this person works or provides services being controlled **by any of 3rd 'IFs'**, s/he is released of criminal responsibility if, before becoming a suspect, voluntarily informs law enforcement of the fact and actively cooperates in disclosing the crime.

DON'T WASTE TIME AND ASK FOR HELP IF:

- You are not paid for your work, or you are forced to do things beyond your labour contract or to work under conditions different than agreed, or to commit illegal activities, or if you are fined for breaking 'rules' and appear under increasing 'debt', or if your mobility and conversations are controlled, or your documents and cell phone are seized, or if you cannot use your bank account, or you are forced to sign documents that you do not understand, and etc.