



Mississippi Human Trafficking Task Force

MS Bureau of Investigation (MBI), MS Department of Public Safety

Human Trafficking Case Reporting Protocol

Report: Mandatory Reporting of Investigations M.C.A. §97-3-54.1- Every investigation of a human trafficking offense shall be reported to the human trafficking coordinator by the initiating law enforcement agency pursuant to guidelines established by the coordinator.

Guidelines for Reporting:

1. For emergencies call 911.
2. Every investigation of a Human Trafficking offense shall be emailed to the Human Trafficking Coordinator at ReportHT@dps.ms.gov.
3. The Mississippi Human Trafficking Coordinator can be reached at 601-987-1671 or alucas@dps.ms.gov.

If you are a Law Enforcement officer:

If you need assistance please contact MBI 601-665-2260.

To deconflict or check our Records Management system for information on your suspect or victim

Intelligence Analyst Support

Cell phone forensics

Operation support

If you are confronted with a “911 Emergency” requiring immediate armed police intervention:

Ex. You see a victim being chased by her trafficker or you get a tip from a victim being held at a specific address....

Call 911

If you come into contact with a victim who is willing to make a police report now:

Ex. You get a tip or meet a victim in an emergency room... etc.

- Follow your agency’s guidelines on contacting law enforcement on behalf of a victim.
- Contact MBI at 601-987-1530 and ask to speak to a Human Trafficking agent. You will be directed to an investigator.
- Provide basic information that will help determine appropriate law enforcement referral:
 - Type of trafficking (sex or labor and child or adult victims)
 - Location (city, village, or town)
 - Phone number so an agent/ officer can call to discuss options.

If you are working with a victim who is willing to talk to law enforcement:

Ex. You have a client who wants to make an appointment to talk to law enforcement, whether or not they are willing to testify. (They could be treated as either a victim/ witness or an informant)

- Follow your agency’s guidelines on contacting law enforcement on behalf of a victim.
- If you are working with a non-U.S. citizen, consult an immigration attorney.
- Call MBI Human Trafficking Unit at 601-987-1530 to arrange/ conduct an interview with a Special Agent.
- Do not leave details on voicemail.

If you are working with a victim who refuses to speak to law enforcement at present, but is willing to pass along info (a “tip”) about traffickers to law enforcement anonymously:

- Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center’s 24-Hour “Polaris” Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or Mississippi Crime Stoppers at 1-888-8CRIMES (1-888-827-4637)
- Provide as much detailed information as possible about:
 - Type of trafficking (sex or labor and child or adult victims and the manner in which they operate)
 - Location (city, village, town, address, descriptions, signage and markings)
 - Offenders (names, ages, DOB’s, descriptions, addresses, identifying marks)
 - Vehicles involved (plate #’s, makes, models, descriptions)
 - Phone numbers (and phone company if you know), email addresses, social media, etc.
 - Credit/Debit cards or Bank Accounts used, or other financial details

Informed Consent

- Be aware of your agency's confidential communications policy.
- If sharing victim-provided information with law enforcement will violate this policy, ask victim to sign a release form before contacting law enforcement.
- Release forms should:
 - Explain the risks and benefits of reporting information
 - Be available in a language the victim understands

If the victim is a child (under the age of 18), please call Mississippi Centralized Intake (MCI) with MDCPS:

- Call MCI and make a report of a situation involving a child. (1-800-222-8000).
- When making a report of abuse or neglect, you may choose to remain anonymous as the reporter.
- MCI worker will staff the report with a supervisor who is on-call to determine the priority status of the report.

**Please note: Please call 911 and make the appropriate calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. All calls will be directed to the appropriate agencies.*

The Mississippi Human Trafficking Council is a partnership between the MS Department of Public Safety, MS Bureau of Investigation, and the US Attorney's Office, Department of Justice.