# Human Trafficking Resources

These resources provide evidence-informed information, practical tools, and educational materials related to human trafficking, sexual exploitation, victim support, and prevention. They are intended to support healthcare professionals, community service providers, educators, individuals with lived experience, and families in recognizing risk factors, responding effectively, and connecting people with appropriate supports and services.

## Human Trafficking Resource Guide

This comprehensive resource guide provides information for healthcare providers, service organizations, community partners, and individuals seeking support related to human trafficking. It includes practical tools, referral pathways, victim and survivor resources, safety planning information, and contact information for services across Ontario. The guide is designed to support early identification, trauma-informed care, and coordinated responses for individuals affected by human trafficking.

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## ASTER (Addressing Sex Trafficking Through Education and Research)

**ASTER (Addressing Sex Trafficking Through Education and Research)** offers a wide range of educational, research, and practice-based resources designed to increase awareness and strengthen responses to sex trafficking. Through webinars, e-learning courses, research reports, information sheets, and provincial resource directories, ASTER supports healthcare providers, community agencies, educators, and other professionals in delivering trauma-informed, survivor-centred care. These resources can help improve understanding of risk factors, identification strategies, referral pathways, and best practices for supporting individuals impacted by sex trafficking. ASTER

## Victim Services of Durham Region (VSDR) Training and Resources

**Victim Services of Durham Region (VSDR) Training & Resources** provides access to educational materials, toolkits, and training opportunities related to victim support, trauma-informed care, human trafficking, and community safety. These resources are designed to support healthcare providers, educators, social service professionals, community organizations, and individuals seeking to enhance their knowledge and response to exploitation, violence, and trauma. The site offers practical information to support awareness, prevention, identification, intervention, and referral to appropriate services and community supports. Training & Resources

### Timea's Cause Inc.

Timea's Cause Inc. provides survivor-led education and training on human trafficking, trauma, victimization, and recovery. Through online courses, workshops, webinars, podcasts, and sector-specific training programs, the organization helps professionals enhance their understanding of trafficking and exploitation while developing practical skills to support victims and survivors. Their resources are particularly valuable for healthcare providers, social workers, educators, child welfare professionals, law enforcement, community agencies, and others working with vulnerable populations.
About | Timea's Cause

### Thorn Youth Monitoring Report (2024)

The Thorn Youth Monitoring Report examines the online experiences of young people and identifies emerging trends related to online exploitation, grooming, sextortion, and technology-facilitated abuse. Drawing on youth perspectives and data, the report provides valuable insights into how young people navigate online spaces, the risks they encounter, and opportunities for prevention and intervention. The findings can help parents, educators, healthcare providers, and community organizations better understand and respond to online exploitation risks facing youth today.
Thorn_24_YouthMonitoring_Report.pdf

# Provincial Resources

## Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline

**24/7 National Hotline**

- Call: **1-833-900-1010**
- Chat and referral services available
- Confidential support, safety planning, service navigation, and referrals across Canada.

## Assaulted Women's Helpline

**24/7 Crisis Support**

- 1-866-863-0511
- TTY: 1-866-863-7868

Provides crisis counselling, safety planning, and referrals for women experiencing violence, including human trafficking.

# Police Services and Human Trafficking Units in Central Region

## York Regional Police (YRP)

**Coverage:** Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Markham, Aurora, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville

**Human Trafficking Unit / Counter Exploitation Unit**

York Regional Police has a dedicated Human Trafficking Section within its Counter Exploitation Unit that investigates sex trafficking, supports victims, and conducts community education and prevention initiatives. YRP also works closely with York Region schools, victim services, child welfare agencies, and community partners to identify and support victims. [yrp.ca], [yrp.ca]

**Phone:** 1-866-876-5423
**Email:** HT@yrp.ca

**Website:** https://www.yrp.ca/stay-safe/personal-safety/human-trafficking

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## Barrie Police Service

**Project Safe Horizon**

Project Safe Horizon is Barrie Police Service's anti-human trafficking initiative. The program focuses on victim safety, early intervention, community partnerships, and long-term support for survivors. The initiative brings together police, shelters, healthcare providers, victim services, and community agencies to improve responses to human trafficking and exploitation. [barriepolice.ca], [barriepolice.ca]

**Email:** humantrafficking@barriepolice.ca

**Website:** https://www.barriepolice.ca/safety/project-safe-horizon/

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## South Simcoe Police Service

**Coverage:** Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury

South Simcoe Police participates in provincial human trafficking initiatives and works collaboratively with other Ontario police services, victim service agencies, and community organizations to identify victims, provide referrals, and investigate trafficking offences. [barrietoday.com] **Website:** https://southsimpolice.on.ca

## Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

**Coverage:** Orillia, Huntsville, Bracebridge, Midland, Parry Sound, and many rural communities.

**Provincial Human Trafficking Enforcement Team**

The OPP works with municipal police services and provincial partners through dedicated anti-human trafficking strategies and enforcement initiatives. OPP detachments across Central Region frequently participate in coordinated investigations, victim recovery operations, and public awareness campaigns. [yrp.ca], [barrietoday.com]

**Website:** https://www.opp.ca

## Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS)

**Human Trafficking Unit**

DRPS has a dedicated Human Trafficking Unit that investigates trafficking offences, supports victims, and provides extensive community education. The unit is a key partner within the Durham Region Human Trafficking Coalition and collaborates with victim services, healthcare providers, shelters, and social service agencies. [drps.ca], [drps.ca]

**Phone:** 905-579-1520 ext. 5600

**Website:** https://www.drps.ca/community-safety-and-support/crime-prevention/human-trafficking/

**StopHT Initiative**

StopHT.com is a collaborative regional initiative led by the Durham Region Human Trafficking Coalition to provide education, prevention resources, survivor supports, and referral pathways. [stopht.com], [stopht.com]

**Website:** https://www.stopht.com

## Peel Regional Police

**Coverage:** Mississauga and Brampton

**Human Trafficking Investigations**

Peel Regional Police conducts specialized human trafficking investigations through units focused on organized crime, vice, and exploitation. Peel is recognized as a major trafficking corridor due to its proximity to Pearson International Airport and major transportation routes. Police work closely with Victim Services of Peel and community partners to support survivors and coordinate interventions. [peelpolice.ca], [cbc.ca]

**Non-Emergency:** 905-453-3311

**Website:** https://www.peelpolice.ca/community-safety/safety-tips-and-risk-awareness/human-trafficking/

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## Victim Services Partners Supporting Police Operations

**Victim Services of York Region**

Provides crisis intervention, case management, and human trafficking awareness programming in partnership with York Regional Police. [canadianhu...hotline.ca]

**Victim Services of Simcoe County**

Provides specialized supports and enhanced assistance for victims and survivors of human trafficking, including safety planning, emergency funding, and referrals. [211ontario.ca], [victimserv...ecounty.ca]

**Victim Services of Durham Region**

Works directly with the DRPS Human Trafficking Unit and the Durham Human Trafficking Coalition to provide trauma-informed support to survivors. [stopht.com], [durhamregi...toppers.ca]

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