


NSPM. Nationella samordningen mot prostitution och människohandel

 SWEDISH GENDER
EQUALITY AGENCY

INFORMATION FOR CHILD REFUGEES

IN SWEDEN, YOU ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A CHILD UNTIL YOU REACH 18 YEARS OF AGE



Important things you should know.

In Sweden, it is against the law for anyone to harm a child. But there are those who do so anyway.

- There are people who pretend to be kind To trick children into going with them. They might say that they will help with food, clothes or somewhere to sleep. Then they persuade children to do things against their will.
- If someone exploits a child to earn money, they may be committing a crime called human trafficking or exploitation.
- It is not your fault if this happens to you. No one is allowed to convince or force you to do something against your will! You are not committing a crime.

In Sweden, it is illegal to buy sex. It is also illegal to ask children to take photographs of themselves in a state of undress or naked. When this happens, it is the person who buys sex or asks for the photograph who is committing a crime. In Sweden, you are not guilty of any crime if you accept money or other forms of payment for sex.

Some important advice

Never go with or visit the home of someone you or your family don't know.

If someone you don't know contacts you online or via a mobile app and asks you to do something against your will - turn off your computer or phone and tell someone you trust what has happened.

You may be the victim of human trafficking if:

- Someone says that you owe them money because they helped you get to Sweden or for giving you food or somewhere to sleep.
- Someone forces you to work and then takes the money you earn.
- Someone forces you to do things with your body for money, such as have sex, kiss or cuddle.
- Someone threatens, frightens, hits or kicks you to make you do things against your will.
- Someone says that they will hurt your parents, brothers, sisters or friends if you do not do what they say.
- Someone tells you to lie to the police or other adults.
- Someone takes your passport or ID card, your telephone or other belongings in order to control you.
- Someone controls what you do and decides who you can and cannot meet and talk to.

If someone hurts you, tell an adult you trust.

You have the right to tell someone. You are not alone.

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if it happens
to you!**

Always tell your parents, another family member or friend or staff at the accommodation centre where you are going or who you are planning to stay with overnight.

Never hand over personal belongings such as your telephone, passport or ID card to someone you don't know.

HELP AND SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Police – telephone 112

Speak to the police if someone threatens you or forces you to do something against your will. The police investigate crime. There are police officers who are specially trained to speak to children and youths.

Social services – telephone 112

Every municipality has a social services department. They help children and youths who need support and protection. Call 112 and say that you want to speak to social services. Learn more at www.kollpasoc.se. You can also find the telephone number and address of your local social services on the website.

BRIS – telephone 116 111

Anyone up to 18 years of age can telephone BRIS. You can also email or chat with someone from BRIS. Learn more at www.bris.se.

Save the Children – telephone 0200 778 820

Anyone up to 18 years of age who is new to Sweden can telephone Save the Children. They can answer calls in many languages.

The Red Cross

www.rkuf.se/fa-hjalp/jourhavande-kompis

You can chat if you need someone to talk to. The chat service is open from Monday to Thursday between 18:00 and 21:00 and Saturday and Sunday between 14:00 and 17:00.

ECPAT – telephone 020 112 100

www.dittecpat.se You can call, chat or email from Monday to Thursday between 17:00 and 22:00 and Friday between 15:00 and 20:00. Calls are free and you can remain anonymous.

Victim Support Sweden – telephone 116 006

You can call Victim Support Sweden if you are the victim of or witness to a crime. The line is open from Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 19:00. You can also send an email to fraga@boj.se. There is also a chat function on their website at brottsofferjouren.se.

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