## SHINE THE LIGHT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Do you see exploitation? Tell someone! Make it stop.



### 11. In Belgium, some 11,000 people every year, according to the Glo modern slavery

### What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is a crime in which people are exploited to make money.

Victims often work in degrading conditions and face physical and/or psychological violence.

### Who are the perpetrators?

Perpetrators take advantage of the vulnerable position of their victims and may make them economically dependent: by offering housing, food or residence papers, for example.

Perpetrators are part of a criminal network, but may also act alone.

Perpetrators do all they can to keep the facts under the radar.

### are victims of <mark>human trafficking</mark> bal Slavery Index, an estimate of in 160 countries.

### **Exploitation in begging**

Human trafficking in the form of exploitation in begging is closer than you think. It can involve anyone, regardless of age, gender or nationality. You or someone you know could also be or become a victim.

Victims of begging must take to the streets to beg. Their exploiter is often a family member, a member of their clan or a criminal network. This makes it extra-difficult for the victims because there is a bond of love, blood or trust that they do not want to break.

The exploiters put pressure on their victims and do not hesitate to use threats or violence if not enough money is raised.

### WHERE CAN YOU GO?

Do you suspect someone is being exploited, or are you a victim of trafficking yourself?

#### Contact the police

Visit your local police station or call 101 in case of immediate danger.

#### **Contact specialised centres**

Here you can get advice and information on all forms of exploitation.



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#### Call the national helpline +32 78 055 800.

Human trafficking can also be reported confidentially at www.stophumantrafficking.be



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