

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A monstrous
crime



Consulting and Training Center
against Human trafficking and
Sexual exploitation

ACT212

ABOUT US

«ACT212 – Consulting and Training Center against Human trafficking and Sexual exploitation» is a denominationally neutral and politically independent non-profit association located in Bern.

ACT212 aims to fight human trafficking both in Switzerland and abroad. ACT212 serves as a contact point for questions and issues regarding human trafficking and provides support with its expertise.

ACT212 aims to:

- increase the identification of victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation
- provide comprehensive protection for victims
- attain an effective criminal prosecution of perpetrators



NATIONAL HOTLINE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION

Help us stop
human trafficking!

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ACT212 operates the National Hotline against Human Trafficking and Exploitation. The National Hotline receives reports by phone and online form regarding situations of exploitation and forwards them to the appropriated governmental and non-governmental services.

Every report can save lives!
You can report anonymously.

Aurica* cannot find any work after she finishes school in Bulgaria. An acquaintance arranges a job for her in Switzerland. Soon after her arrival, she realises that she has been sold to human traffickers. They force Aurica to work off her «debts» by prostituting herself. Somebody from her surroundings reports her situation to the National Hotline. Aurica is put in touch with an appropriate service offering support for victims of human trafficking.

ANONYMOUS HOTLINE

0840 212 212

Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM

ANONYMOUS ONLINE REPORTING FORM

www.meldestelle.act212.ch/en

*The name has been changed.

TRAINING OFFERS

Learn how to identify and support victims.



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How can we recognise victims of human trafficking and what can we do?

Learn how to identify victims and how to help them. ACT212 provides a global and local overview on human trafficking and imparts in-depth knowledge on various topics related to the field, such as different forms of exploitation, recruitment methods such as the so-called «loverboy» scam, prevention measures and interdisciplinary and comprehensive victim support.

The training courses are offered in cooperation with specialists from different areas of expertise.

We are happy to organise a customised training course for you!

Find more information regarding our training offers on our website or sign up for an upcoming public event or course on www.act212.ch/agenda.



LOVERBOYS

A strange name for a
brutal business.

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«Loverboys» are traffickers and procurers,

mostly young men, who lead unsuspecting girls, boys and young adults to believe they are in love with them in order to exploit them.

Often they get in touch with the girls and boys through chatrooms on social media. At the beginning, the loverboy typically seduces them by giving them a lot of attention and presents. They fall in love with the loverboy and soon start a sexual relationship. The loverboy systematically creates a relationship of dependency and increasingly draws her away from friends and family. Once the full dependency is achieved, he leads his victim into prostitution, produces pornographic content or manipulates the victim into committing crimes. His primary goal is to earn as much money as possible.

Nina* is 14 years old and just transferred to a new school. She is going through a stressful period with her parents and spends a lot of time in chatrooms, where she meets Luca*. He pretends to be her «prince charming». Nina falls deeply in love with him. She starts an intense relationship with Luca and spends all her time with him. A few weeks later, when she is completely isolated from her family and friends, Luca sells her to a first client in a hotel room. Nina has fallen into a trap that she can hardly escape by herself.

* The names have been changed.

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Switzerland is a transit and destination country and thus strongly affected.



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Globally there are over 40 million people who are victims of human trafficking. 71 % of the affected people are women and girls.

(Source of information: ILO International Labour Organisation)

Switzerland is affected too. Trafficked women, men and children end up in the sex industry or experience labour exploitation.

EXAMPLE OF LABOUR EXPLOITATION

Safak*, a young man from abroad, works in a small grocery store in a neighbourhood area of a Swiss city. He works almost around the clock. In addition, he has to sell illegal products. His salary is held back and the shop owner tells him to be patient. When Safak tries to stand up for himself, he is being threatened.

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DONATIONS

Our association depends on funding and donations from individuals, organisations and foundations.

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