

## **Slave trafficking is a crime. The victims have a right to help!**

### **When are you a victim of slave trafficking?**

You came to Germany thinking that you would be able to work here. False promises were made to you. You were forced into prostitution against your will.

You knew that you were to work as a prostitute. But they lied to you about the conditions under which you now work and live.

You came to Germany in the hope of being able to marry here. Instead of this, you were forced into sexual acts, or prostitution.

- You were threatened, beaten, locked up.
- You were put under pressure by threats of violence against your relatives at home.
- You were raped. You were forced to engage in sexual acts.
- Your papers were taken away from you.
- You have not been paid for your work, or your pay was kept to settle debts they said you had.
- You feel uncertain and foreign in Germany. You cannot speak German, or only a little. You have no-one you can trust. You are worried about going to prison. Your uncertainty and your worry have been used to put you under pressure.
- You were prevented from giving up prostitution.

Perhaps not all of what is described here has happened to you, but only some of it. But if you have experienced these or similar situations, you can ask for help at any of the advice centres named here.

## **What help can you get?**

If the police or the immigration authorities know about your situation, they must bring in a specialist advice centre if you ask them to.

We, the women at the advice centres, are pleased to advise you, confidentially, and free of charge. We work independently of the authorities.

- ˆ We will find you a safe place to stay.
- ˆ We will help you to clear up your legal, medical, and other problems.
- ˆ We will stand by you and support you in court, and against the offenders.
- ˆ We will help you to return to your home country.

The women in the advice centres can speak many languages.

If you are in prison, you can ask the social workers. They will help you, and make contact with us, the specialised advice centres.

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