

STATE ADVOCACY

ACTIVITY GUIDE: SAFE HARBOR LAWS

How to Use This Activity Guide

At NCJW, advocacy is all about action. Advocates looking to advance and strengthen Safe Harbor Laws can move forward by raising public awareness online and in person. Use the ideas below for inspiration!

Public Awareness Activities

- ▶ Raise awareness using our Safe Harbor Laws Social Media Guide available as part of this toolkit at act.ncjw.org/trafficking.
- ▶ Host a press conference to urge the passage of Safe Harbor Laws.
- ▶ Organize a town hall meeting with local state lawmakers on Safe Harbor Laws. This will help develop your relationships with lawmakers and raise awareness in the community.
- ▶ Display the Trafficked Teens™ installation at a local university or fair to raise awareness about the importance of Safe Harbor Laws. Contact Ari Conrad at ari@ncjwdc.org for details.
- ▶ Host a workshop on domestic child sex trafficking and Safe Harbor Laws.
- ▶ Host a panel or community forum on child sex trafficking and Safe Harbor Laws. Include speakers that are state lawmakers, service providers, coalition partners, and academic experts.

Jewish Awareness Activities

- ▶ Ask your rabbi to dedicate a sermon to child sex trafficking and Safe Harbor Laws.
- ▶ Present on child sex trafficking to local Jewish day schools, youth groups, or Hebrew schools, and encourage students to get involved in advocacy for Safe Harbor Laws.
- ▶ Ask the Jewish community in your area to use this special prayer as part of a family or community ritual, like a Seder: “We, who are free, understand the bitterness of today’s slaves. Let us resolve to end human trafficking for all time.” Provide resources for members of the community to then spark the conversation on Safe Harbor Laws.
- ▶ Light additional candles at Shabbat dinner to represent trafficked children and explain the significance of Safe Harbor Laws to family and guests.

Learn More

- ▶ Write an op-ed, blog, or letter to the editor using our Safe Harbor Laws Messaging Guide available as part of this toolkit at act.ncjw.org/trafficking.
- ▶ Read examples of op-eds about Safe Harbor Laws and sex trafficking in the [Baltimore Sun](#) and one written by NCJW Los Angeles staff member Maya Paley in the [Jewish Journal](#).
- ▶ Learn more about Safe Harbor Laws. Visit [Shared Hope International’s Protect Innocence Challenge](#) to find your state’s report card (see specifically “Protective Provisions for Child Victims.”) See also Shared Hope International’s state law survey charts “[Prohibiting Criminalization of Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims](#)” and “[Protective System Responses for Juvenile Sex Trafficking Victims](#).”

Questions?

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