

## Share Your Story Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What will happen to my story once I click submit?

Once you submit your story, it will remain confidential. All forms received by the Hotline are SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) encrypted so all information provided will remain secure. SSL is an industry standard security technology for establishing a secure link between a web server and a browser. This ensures that all data passed between the web server and browsers remain private. All information submitted through the form will only be accessible by Hotline staff and are subject to the National Human Trafficking Hotline's [Confidentiality Policy](#). Your story will be kept indefinitely unless you request to withdraw it.

### Will I hear back from anyone? Who can I contact with questions and concerns?

We value each and every story that is submitted through the Share Your Story form. Due to the high volume of submissions, we are not able to respond to everyone who submits their story. If you choose to share your contact information and opportunities arise for you to share your story publicly, a Hotline staff member will reach out to discuss the various options you have for sharing your story. If you have any additional questions or concerns about this form and/or the Share Your Story process, please send an email to [stories@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:stories@humantraffickinghotline.org).

### Who will read my story after I submit? Do I have control over who reads it?

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The Share Your Story page is intended to be a platform to elevate and empower survivor voices. Some survivors find that writing their story can be a cathartic part of their healing process. By sharing your story with us, we also gain critical information about how to better serve the diverse population of survivors who call the Hotline.

Your story will not be shared with anyone outside of the Hotline unless you have given explicit permission for us to do so.

### Can I make changes to my story after I submit?

Yes, you will always have control over your narrative. To make changes to your story, please contact [stories@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:stories@humantraffickinghotline.org), you should expect to hear back within 3-5 days.

### How do I revoke my story if I change my mind about sharing?

If you decide that you no longer wish to share your story, please send an email to [stories@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:stories@humantraffickinghotline.org) and someone will contact you to confirm that your story has been removed from our database.

### **How will my story be used?**

Your story will not be shared with anyone outside the Hotline unless you have given explicit permission for us to do so. In addition to helping the Hotline understand how to better serve the survivors who contact us, your story may be used on our website, publicity materials, or shared with partner organizations as an example of how the Hotline has previously served survivors.

### **I felt really empowered by this process and want to do more. Are there other opportunities / ways for me to get involved?**

Yes. You can visit [www.PolarisProject.org/Action](http://www.PolarisProject.org/Action) to take action related to human trafficking policy and sign up to get action alerts and updates on human trafficking. You can also visit [humantraffickinghotline.org/referraldirectory](http://humantraffickinghotline.org/referraldirectory) to find local organizations that have volunteer opportunities or other ways to get involved.