



**Prevention Policy on Human Trafficking  
Sumgayit State University (SSU)**

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**1. Purpose and Principles**

Sumgayit State University is committed to preventing all forms of human trafficking and exploitation within society.

As a higher education institution, the University recognizes its responsibility to promote **human rights, social responsibility, and ethical awareness** among students and staff.

The main objective of this policy is to:

- raise awareness about human trafficking
- promote education and prevention strategies
- support victims and vulnerable individuals



- encourage responsible behavior within the academic community

Through education, training, and awareness programs, SSU aims to contribute to the prevention of human trafficking in society.

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## 2. Definitions

### Human Trafficking

Human trafficking refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons through force, coercion, deception, or abuse of power for the purpose of exploitation.

Common forms of human trafficking include:

### Labor Trafficking

Labor trafficking involves forcing individuals to work against their will through threats, coercion, or manipulation.

### Child Labor Exploitation

Child labor refers to situations where children are forced to work under dangerous or exploitative conditions that threaten their health, education, and development.

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## 3. Legal and Ethical Framework

This policy aligns with:

- legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- international conventions related to human rights and human trafficking prevention
- national and international anti-trafficking regulations
- ethical and social responsibility principles of higher education institutions.

SSU fully supports national and international efforts to combat human trafficking and protect victims.

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## 4. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to:

- students
- faculty members
- administrative staff
- university centers and student organizations
- external partners participating in university activities

The policy covers activities related to:

- educational programs
  - student initiatives
  - community engagement activities
  - awareness and training programs.
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## **5. Institutional Commitments**

Sumgayit State University commits to:

- promoting awareness of human trafficking risks
- supporting victims of exploitation
- cooperating with relevant national and international organizations
- encouraging responsible behavior within the university community
- strengthening social responsibility initiatives

The University aims to contribute to a society that is free from exploitation and human trafficking.

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## **6. Awareness and Prevention Activities**

The University organizes regular educational and awareness activities including:

- seminars and workshops on human trafficking prevention
- training sessions for students and staff
- student awareness campaigns
- public discussions and information sessions

Student centers at the University play an active role in organizing these initiatives and encouraging student participation.

These activities aim to equip students with knowledge and skills to recognize and prevent trafficking situations.

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## **7. Support and Reporting Mechanisms**

SSU provides support mechanisms for individuals who may be affected by exploitation or trafficking.

The University has established support centers where students and staff can report concerns confidentially.

Reports will be treated with seriousness and referred to appropriate authorities when necessary.

Support services may include:

- counseling and psychological assistance
- guidance and referrals to relevant institutions
- academic or administrative support where required.

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## 8. Responsibilities of the University Community

All members of the University community share responsibility for preventing human trafficking.

Members of the community are expected to:

- promote ethical behavior and respect for human rights
- participate in awareness activities
- report suspected cases of exploitation or trafficking
- support initiatives aimed at protecting vulnerable individuals.



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## 9. Monitoring and Evaluation

The University will monitor the implementation of this policy through:

- evaluation of awareness programs
- review of prevention initiatives
- cooperation with relevant authorities and organizations
- periodic reporting on activities related to human trafficking prevention.

Monitoring helps ensure that the University continues to improve its prevention efforts.

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## 10. Policy Authority and Review

This policy is approved by the governing bodies of Sumgayit State University.

The policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with:

- national legislation
- international best practices
- the University's social responsibility objectives.

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