

Advice and help

Nationwide 'Violence against women helpline',
Tel.: 116 016



Nationwide 'Violence against men helpline', Tel.:
0800 123 9900



Contact your local police station using the police
station locator.



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Romeo pimping
Seeking love and getting
prostitution
Human trafficking prevention

Modus operandi

Criminals make contact with girls and young women in particular - both in person and via social networks.

They target their victims and feign romance. They exploit existing insecurities and the desire for love or riches in order to establish a connection and create trust. That way, they create emotional dependence.

Once hooked, the victims are then put under extra pressure with more demands and tall stories. They may subsequently be forced into prostitution or coerced to perform other 'services'.

This type of sexual exploitation is an element of human trafficking and constitutes an offence under Section 232 of the German Criminal Code (*StGB*).

Police recommendation

- Even when things seem hopeless, help is always available. Counselling centres or the police are always ready to assist. In an emergency or when threatened, call 110.
- Do not let anyone talk you into performing sexual acts for money - not even as a favour to help out your partner. Sexual exploitation is a criminal offence.
- If you have already been a victim of sexual exploitation and forced prostitution: Seek help from counselling centres or the police. You can file a criminal complaint at any police station.
- Get in touch with specialist counselling staff if you need someone to accompany you to the police alone.
- If you suspect that a friend or family member has fallen prey to a Romeo pimp, contact police or a counselling centre. Together you can talk about what help is needed.
- Police are able and ready to provide a wealth of information for victims of sexual exploitation. Do not hesitate to ask them.

Victim support

If it comes to criminal prosecution, NRW Police will support and arrange for assistance and counselling.

The following **support organisations** are there to help and support you in all areas of victim support:

Visit the web pages of the NRW Ministry for Children, Youth, Family, Equality, Refugees and Integration to search for specialist advice centres in North Rhine-Westphalia.



Further information is available from the NRW Victim Support website.



Coordinating the fight against human trafficking/*KOK e. V. - Bundesweiter Koordinierungskreis gegen Menschenhandel e. V.*: Get more information for victims of human trafficking on this website

