

**Dear Survivor,**

Welcome. We are so glad you are here. We hope the Safety Compass website conveys our heartfelt desire to encourage you and to share resources with you so that you can make your own informed decisions about what steps to take on your path toward healing.

We are a group of allies that are here for you. We are a diverse community united in our passion to work for the health and benefit of the larger survivor-community: some of us are survivors of trafficking, homelessness, the foster system, poverty, assault, or abuse; some are not. There is no judgement here.

We do not assume to know what it's like to be you. We believe that each person's experiences are unique to them. Each person's story is sacred and unlike any other. We exist to support you, full of belief in your whole self and your whole future. We know for certain your story doesn't end here. And one thing we all have in common is big love for you.

What does that mean?

It means we think you are perfectly awesome, whomever you are, right now in this moment.

You are worthy of respect.

You are priceless.

You are more than your trauma story.

You are more than your street name.

You are capable.

You hold wisdom.

Stay strong.

Keep your head high.

And know that there is support just a phone call away.

You don't have to be in this alone.

We believe in you.

From all of us at Safety Compass, welcome.

In Solidarity,

Esther Nelson, Founder of Safety Compass

**SAFETY COMPASS**

**24-Hour Survivor Support Line  
(971) 235-0021**

**[safetycompass.org](http://safetycompass.org)**

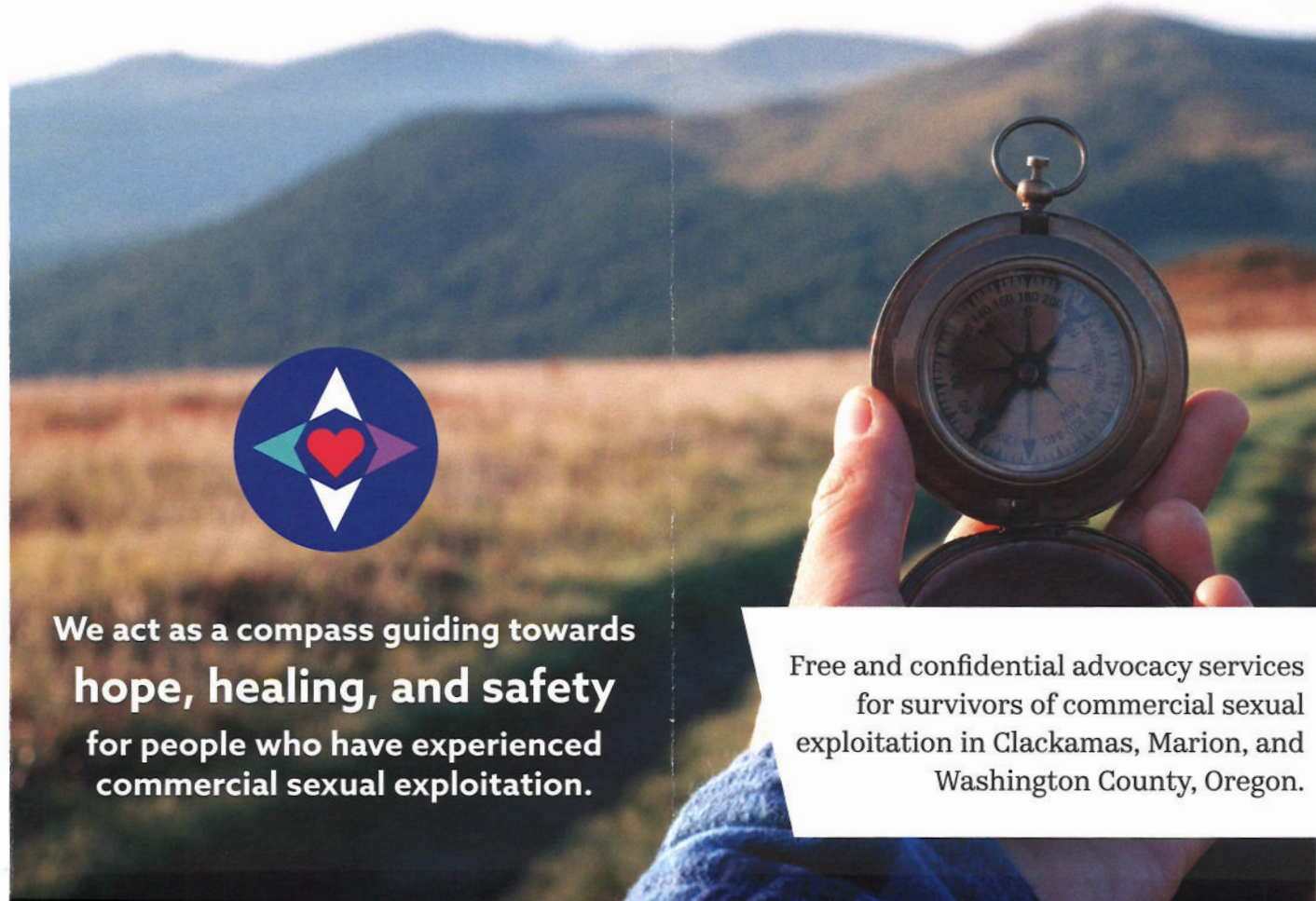
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**Extending relentless hope & navigational support for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation in our community.**



**We act as a compass guiding towards  
hope, healing, and safety  
for people who have experienced  
commercial sexual exploitation.**

Free and confidential advocacy services for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation in Clackamas, Marion, and Washington County, Oregon.



# We are first responders, collaborators, and above all, advocates.

Safety Compass serves hundreds of people each year.

*"I never had the right language to explain what happened to me, or understand what I needed to help heal me, until I met another survivor and I saw myself in her."*

-Safety Compass Participant

*"Safety Compass has provided me with the best support system in order for me to get back on my feet and given me the push and multiple resources and confidence to better improve my quality of life. They have given me the most friendly support system without judgement."*

-Safety Compass Participant



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### **We serve any survivor of exploitation in the sex industry**

and offer support that reflects each individual's goals for safety, regardless of whether you are currently involved in the industry, have exited or are contemplating. Our team and approach is judgement-free, welcoming and inclusive of all demographics and populations. We accept you for exactly who you are and nothing less.

## **What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation?**

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act. This is induced by force, fraud, or coercion/manipulation. For individuals under the age of 18, force, fraud, or coercion does not need to be proven to be considered sex trafficking, although those elements are often present. Sex trafficking does not just happen to young women, it happens to all genders.

### **What does it look like?**

- Being pressured into trading sex for a couch to sleep on or for rent/a meal/clothing/any necessities of life.
- Someone taking photos without consent to advertise availability for sex online.
- An intimate partner pressuring someone to have sex with their friends in exchange for money.
- Someone forcing another to have sex in exchange for profit by threatening someone they love with physical harm.
- Being under the age of 18 involved in any sex act or production of any sexualized images, for profit.

### **If you identify with any of the statements above, our support services are here for you.**

This is not an exhaustive list of commercially sexually exploitative dynamics. If you feel that your involvement in the life was in any way harmful or abusive then our support services are for you.