

Welcome to Rally Sweden and Umeå!

Here is a friendly reminder from Women's Shelter (Kvinno- och tjejjouren) in Umeå. In Sweden buying sex is illegal. We would like to point out that human trafficking and any sex without consent is against the law and will be punished. Please read these pages and inform yourself what you can do to help us stop this and let Umeå be a safe place for everyone, except criminals.

We at the Women's Shelter work against all forms of sexual abuse and we hope that Rally Sweden 2026 will be free from this criminal but frequent abuse of women and children. We aim for a rally where everyone, women and children included, will be able to enjoy the rally in peace, without worrying about rapists, pedophiles and other criminals, right? Are you with us? We collaborate with the Police and others. (See phone numbers and e-mails to our partners on page 2). Your role is crucial in helping identifying and reporting these horrific crimes.

It is a crime against humanity to recruit, capture, transport, transfer and keeping women captive through force with the aim of exploiting them sexually for profit.

Boys, girls and women all ages, from all backgrounds can become victims of global trafficking. Help us stop the suffering!

Who might be a potential victim of sexual crimes?

- Young women traveling, on their way to an unknown new job.
- They have little or no information about the contact person at the destination.
- They are not in possession of their own passports or travel documents, since the perpetrator has taken it
- They are nervous, anxious and avoid talking to other people. The perpetrator has power over them and speaks on their behalf.
- Hotels and apartments with many different men coming and going could be brothel. A victim is never guilty of the situation she is living through. The blame lies with the offender.

**Please call 020 390 000 if you suspect human trafficking**

If you think you have met or seen a potential victim of human trafficking or any other sexual violence please report this. You can easily reach the organiser of Rally Sweden at **090 14 55 00** or [mailbox@rallysweden.com](mailto:mailbox@rallysweden.com)

You can use these contacts as well for your own sake or for someone else:

Eva Norlin, regional coordinator against prostitution [eva.norlin@umea.se](mailto:eva.norlin@umea.se)

The Police, 114 14 or 112 for emergencies.

Mika, 020 410 420

Centre for abused women, [kvinnofrid@umea.se](mailto:kvinnofrid@umea.se), 020 410 410

It is illegal to use force, fraud or deception to sexually exploit another human being. The perpetrators ignore the Swedish law of consent. This can be their typical modus operandi, MO.

- The criminals are usually charming people who earn your trust.
- They contact you through social media, false modelling agency ads, fake travel agencies, beauty salons and car washes.
- They “pay” your travel expenses, tell you how to dress and how to behave before the authorities.
- They travel with you to control you. They promise a job with salary, a free trip or lure you into a false relationship. They promise you the world, a new fantastic life awaits you. They are lying!

The criminals have done this before. Millions of people all over the world are victims of these crimes which occur in every region of the world as well as here in Scandinavia.

You are not alone. There are many of us who want to end sexual exploitation. As a woman there are difficulties knowing who to contact. The Women’s shelter in Umeå can help you find the help you need, be it resuming contact with your family and friends, get your passport back, contact authorities such as healthcare, police and embassy. We can also explain your rights in Sweden and get you legal protection. We have access to shelters. Please contact us and let’s talk about it.

If you are a man suffering unwanted sexual behaviour (desire to buy sex for instance) there is help. Please contact KAST, **020 245 245** or the anonymous PrevenTell **020 66 77 88** if you want help to change. In Sweden purchasing sexual acts is illegal and there will be consequences when you are caught. Not only for you but also for your family and children. There is help for anyone who is serious about changing for the better.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Swedish Rally 2026!

Kind regards,

The Women’s shelter in Umeå **Umeå Kvinn- och tjejjour**

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