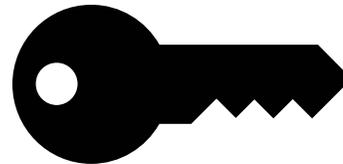


What is Human Trafficking?

- A modern form of slavery that grosses \$32 billion annually. It involves controlling a person through force, fraud, or coercion to exploit the victim for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or both.



- Human trafficking strips victims of their freedom and violates our nation's promise that every person in the United States is guaranteed basic human rights.



- About 2.5 million people around the world are ensnared in the web of human trafficking at any given time. The US is widely regarded as a destination country for human trafficking. Federal reports estimate that 14,500 to 17,500 victims are trafficked into the United States annually.



Sex Trafficking



What

- Sex trafficking or slavery is the exploitation of women and children, within national or across international borders, for the purposes of forced sex work.
- Commercial sexual exploitation includes pornography, prostitution and sex trafficking of women and girls, and is characterized by the exploitation of a human being in exchange for goods or money.
- Sex traffickers may also operate out of a variety of public and private locations, such as massage parlors, spas and strip clubs.
- Human trafficking victims experience various stages of degradation and physical and psychological torture. Often deprived of food and sleep, are unable to move about freely, and are physically tortured.

Signs of Victims

- Appearing malnourished
- Showing signs of physical injuries and abuse
- Avoiding eye contact, social interaction, and authority figures/law enforcement
- Seeming to adhere to scripted or rehearsed responses in social interaction
- Lacking official identification documents
- Appearing destitute/lacking personal possessions
- Working excessively long hours
- Living at place of employment
- Checking into hotels/motels with older males, and referring to those males as boyfriend or “daddy,” which is often street slang for pimp
- Poor physical or dental health
- Tattoos/ branding on the neck and/or lower back
- Untreated sexually transmitted diseases
- Small children serving in a family restaurant
- Security measures that appear to keep people inside an establishment - barbed wire inside of a fence, bars covering the insides of window

Who

- In societies where women and girls are undervalued or not valued at all, women are at greater risk for being abused, trafficked, and coerced into sex slavery.
- Organized crime is largely responsible for the spread of international human trafficking.
- The greatest numbers of traffickers are from Asia, followed by Central and Southeastern Europe, and Western Europe.

How

- Some are lured with offers of legitimate and legal work as shop assistants or waitresses.
- Others are promised marriage, educational opportunities and a better life. Still others are sold into trafficking by boyfriends, friends, neighbors or even parents



Labor Trafficking



Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud or coercion to make someone work against their will. Victims of human trafficking are often threatened with violence to themselves or their families, lured with false promises of well-paying jobs or future benefits such as green cards, told they must work for free or for little wages or to pay off debts, threatened with deportation or false arrest or are otherwise manipulated to compel labor.

Industries where human trafficking are predominate:

- Factories
- Farms or Landscaping
- Construction
- Private homes (e.g., nannies and housekeepers)
- Restaurant, bars, hotel or other service industries
- Strip clubs, street prostitution, fake
- massage parlors, escort services,
- brothels



Services available for victims include:

- Emergency temporary housing
- Food and other basic needs
- Recovery of unpaid wages
- Job skills training and placement
- Immigration and legal assistance
- Help with establishing permanent residence in the United States
- Mental and physical health services
- Counseling
- Help accessing federal and state public benefits
- Translation and interpretation
- Criminal and/or civil action against the trafficker



A person may be a victim of human trafficking if he/she:

- Cannot freely come and go
- Does not have control of his or her own identification documents or money
- Is not paid or is paid very little
- Works unusually long hours
- Owes a large or increasing debt
- Lives or work in a location with unusually anxious, fearful, submissive, depressed, nervous or tense
- Has unexplained injuries or signs of extended or untreated illness or disease
- Show signs or physical signs of physical or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement or torture

If you are interested in more information on labor trafficking contact:



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