

## WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

A modern form of slavery which people are recruited, harbored, and transported for the purpose of exploitation. Human trafficking comes in two forms: sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

**Sex Trafficking** is the exploitation of a person for commercial sexual activity, through force, fraud, or intimidation. Victims of sex trafficking are often forced to engage in prostitution, exotic dancing, or pornography. Importantly, any sexually exploited child is a trafficking victim, even if there is no force, fraud, or intimidation.

**Labor Trafficking** is the exploitation of a person for labor or services through force, fraud, or intimidation. Labor trafficking victims are often forced into domestic enslavement, agricultural work, restaurant work, or sweatshop factory work.

### WHO CAN BE A VICTIM?

Victims of human trafficking can be any, age, race, gender, or nationality and come from the richest to the poorest background.

### HOW DO TRAFFICKERS CONTROL VICTIMS?

**By Force:** physical restraint, transporting, beatings, rape. **By Fraud:** false offers of employment, marriage, or a better life. **By intimidation:** threats, destroying legal documents, abuse of the legal process, debt bondage, and psychological abuse.

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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING MODERN-DAY SLAVERY



*"Integrity is doing the right thing  
even when no one is watching."*

# ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING



## HOW CAN YOU TELL IF SOMEONE IS A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

A VICTIM MAY EXHIBIT SOME OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS:

- Receives little or no payment for their work.
- Has no access to their earnings.
- Has a false identity or no travel documents.
- Does not know the local language.
- Has no contact with their family or friends.
- Suffers injuries that seem to be a result of physical or sexual abuse.

Freedom is one of the most important rights afforded to every human being. No one should be forced or intimidated to act against their will. Unfortunately, the practice of modern-day slavery exists in our world today. Trafficking in Persons (human trafficking) is a violation of civil and human rights laws.

Every person, everywhere, is inherently vested with the profound, right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and receive education, and so much more. Human trafficking is a heinous crime that is happening all around us and we must do our part to put an end to it!

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

It is estimated that 600,000 to 800,000 men, women, and children are victims of human trafficking each year.\*



Human trafficking, and exploitation takes place in every country. It feeds on the most vulnerable and is driven by the demand of more prosperous countries. It is a huge global criminal business that is second only to drug trafficking in terms of illegal profit.

Human trafficking represents a threat to international peace and security. It undermines the rule of law and thrives where the rule of law is weak. Which allow traffickers to easily prey upon the vulnerable. Flourishing in areas where people lack opportunities, robbing millions of their dignity and freedom every year.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND FIGURES

- Human trafficking is not a choice, a person cannot consent to being enslaved.
- Human trafficking is not the same as smuggling. Smuggling is the transportation of something; trafficking is the exploitation of something.
- Human trafficking does not require that a victim be moved over state or international borders.
- It's estimated that internationally there are between 20 million and 40 million people in modern slavery today.\*
- Human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial sexual exploitation.\*
- Globally, an estimated 71% of enslaved people are women and girls, while men and boys account for 29%.\*

