

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

How do I know if I've
been **trafficked**?



Human Trafficking affects both adults and children differently. Adults may unknowingly be victims of trafficking, and not know that help is available.



Traffickers use **force, fraud or coercion** to subject victims to engage in commercial sex or forced labor.

What can adult trafficking look like?

Trafficking can be for sex, labor, goods or services.

Sex trafficking may be found in:

- Prostitution
- Pornography
- Stripping
- Trading Sexual Acts for Food, Clothing or Shelter

Labor trafficking may be found in:

- Construction
- Restaurants
- Beauty Services
- Agricultural Work
- Panhandling

Who can be a trafficker?

A trafficker/pimp can be anyone, male or female. They can be someone you know and trust, or someone in a position of authority.

Traffickers gain your trust by exploiting vulnerabilities. They use personal or professional relationships to manipulate others.

Recruitment tactics include:

- Violence and Force
- Abuse of Power by Employer
- False Love/Acceptance
- False “Family”
- Threats and Lies
- Possession of Documents
- Control and Manipulation
- Lack of Trafficking Awareness
- Limited or No Resources
- Addicted to Substances
- Low Self-esteem
- Criminal Record

Anyone can be trafficked.

Adults may not view what has happened to them as trafficking. Our agency is here to help you understand the difference, regardless of immigration status.

Where can this happen?

Traffickers use multiple methods to solicit victims:

- Internet Ads
- Job Postings
- Work Sites
- Word of Mouth
- Family Members
- Friends of Friends
- Hotel and Tourist Industries

Everywhere

Why does this happen?

Demand for sex and labor drives human trafficking, making it the second largest criminal industry globally.

In order for adults 18+ to become confirmed as a trafficking victim they **MUST** have all three elements of force, fraud and coercion.

FORCE: Physical Force

FRAUD: False Promises

COERCION: Threats/Restraint/Psychological Abuse

You are not what happened to you.

You are who you choose to become!

If you think this may be happening to you or someone you care about, **find help below!**



24-Hour Hotline: (845) 634-3344

📱 24-Hour Mobile Text: (845) 286-4997

💬 24-Hour Web Chat: centerforsafetyandchange.org

Contact us to learn more about our free and confidential anti-human trafficking prevention services and victim assistance programs.

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For Help/Assistance:

National Human Trafficking Hotline
Text HELP or INFO to BEFREE (233733)
1 (888) 373-7888 | polarisproject.com

For Information/Resources:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Trafficking in Persons | acf.hhs.gov/trafficking