



Human Trafficking

Sessions Description: Are you aware of human trafficking? Do you know the signs? How much do you know truly about Human Trafficking?

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2 **crime** on the planet and fastest growing!

2+ Children are forced into slavery **every minute**. Average age for sex trafficking **12 to 14** years of age.

Average price **\$90/ victim** (endless profit margin)

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What is Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is considered modern day slavery which occurs when a trafficker uses **force, fraud, or coercion** to control another person for the purpose of **commercial sex acts** or **soliciting labor or services against their will**.

In certain situations victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal or otherwise unacceptable conditions.

Two types of Human Trafficking:

- Sex Trafficking
- Labor Trafficking

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Globally

- Fastest growing crime
- Estimated 9.5 billion dollar industry annually in United States alone
- Estimated that there are 27 million slaves in the world today
- 4 out of 5 victims are women / girls

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Wisconsin

- 1 out of 3 teens on the street will be lured into trafficking within 48 hours of leaving home.
- There has been a reported case of Human trafficking in every county.
- Milwaukee Statistics
 - 92% known cases involve female youths
 - 79% of homeless youth are at risk of being trafficked
 - Known as a recruiting ground for victims and training center for traffickers.

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- Many of the people who are being trafficked do not see themselves as victims. They may not realize they are being trafficked.
- They may feel as if they owe it to their trafficker to help support them
- They may feel as if this is the only recourse to gain attention and affection.

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Project's Duluth Model outlines different types of abuse that can occur in labor and sex trafficking situations.

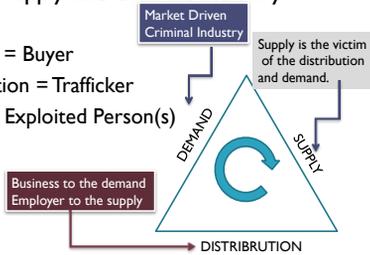


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Understanding the Business

• Human trafficking, in its business form follows a supply and demand industry model.

- Demand = Buyer
- Distribution = Trafficker
- Supply = Exploited Person(s)



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Demand: (Buyer)

- Who are they
 - Individuals
 - Service Industry
 - Food service, construction, etc.
 - Hospitality Industry
 - Resorts
 - Agricultural Industries
 - Egg Producer (Ohio)
 - Dairy Farms
 - Tobacco Growers
 - Fruit Growers
 - Vegetable Growers
 - Fisheries

NOTE: When purchased for sexual related demands buyers average about age 30 with a wide range of ages from 18 to 84 years old, mostly male. Over half are married or are with a partner.

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Cases of Human Trafficking

- Five people, four of them from Moultrie, face a variety of federal charges in Wisconsin, where they allegedly took 14 workers from South Georgia to work on farms in 2016.
- 50 cases of human trafficking reported to the hotline from Wisconsin in 2015, included 45 cases of sex trafficking and three cases of labor trafficking.

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Distribution:

- Who are the traffickers?
 - Parents / Step Parents / Other Relatives
 - Boyfriends / Partners
 - Friends
 - Drug Dealers
 - Research has revealed that traffickers actively recruit children on or near school campuses and often use social media to lure and manipulate victims.

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Recruiting & Control

- Police say victims were recruited in numerous ways, including personal introductions and through social media.
 - Social media becoming the #1 preferred method.
- Victims are intimidated, threatened and isolated.
 - they're embarrassed, so to get them to talk to police and to cooperate with the investigation is a major challenge
- Steal money and personal belongings to maintain control over their victims.

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Recruiting & Control

- Having victims move from one place to another can make it difficult for police to gain ground in an investigation.
- Perpetrators of human trafficking aren't only men. Women can often be first point of contact with victims and might portray themselves as mothering figures.
 - Sometimes at the initial stage, women are involved because there is a trust issue.

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Supply: Who Are the Victims?

- Anyone who will satisfy the demand
 - Women and Girls
 - Men and Boys
 - LGBTQ Community
 - People living with addictions
 - People Living with Mental Health Issues

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Labor Trafficking

- Includes people forced to work in homes as domestic servants, farmworkers that may be coerced through violence as they harvest crops, or factory workers held in inhumane conditions.
- Labor trafficking has also been reported in door-to-door sales crews, restaurants, construction work, carnivals, and even health and beauty services.
- Employers exert such physical or psychological control – including physical abuse, debt bondage, confiscation of passports or money – that the victim believes they have no other choice but to continue working for that employer.

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Human Trafficking Myths

- **It's always or usually a violent crime**
- **All human trafficking involves commercial sex**
- **Only undocumented foreign nationals get trafficked in the United States**
- **Human trafficking only happens in illegal or underground industries**
- **Only women and girls can be victims and survivors of sex trafficking**

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Human Trafficking Myths

- **Human trafficking involves moving, traveling or transporting a person across state or national borders**
- **All commercial sex is human trafficking**
 - Only if occurring as a minor child or as an adult if they are doing so against his or her will as a result of force, fraud or coercion.
- **If the trafficked person consented to be in their initial situation, then it cannot be human trafficking or against their will because they "knew better"**
 - Initial consent to commercial sex or a labor setting prior to acts of force, fraud, or coercion (or if the victim is a minor in a sex trafficking situation) is not relevant to the crime, nor is payment.
- **People being trafficked are physically unable to leave their situations/locked in/held against their will**
- **Labor trafficking is only or primarily a problem in developing countries**
- **Traffickers target victims they don't know**

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23-year-old woman accused of charges related to human trafficking

- Faces **three** human trafficking charges, alleging she exercised control, direction or influence over movements of three women.
 - offences occurred between Nov. 1, 2018, and March 15, 2019. Victims are said to be an 18-year-old woman from Moose Jaw and two 20-year-old women from Quebec.
- Charges also include uttering threats and theft over \$5,000.
 - Stolen items listed in court documents include identification documents and a dog.

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Additional Signs of Human Trafficking

- A person could be a victim of human trafficking if he or she:
 - Appears to live and work at the same location.
 - Appears unable to leave location unaccompanied.
 - Shows signs of assault.
 - Displays poor personal hygiene.
 - Does not have access to identity documents.
 - Appears to have suffered from verbal or psychological abuse.

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Signs of Human Trafficking

- Are paid little or next to nothing at all, or only allowed to keep tips.
- Are not in control of their own money, or have very limited access to pocket money.
- Appears to work long hours with minimal or no breaks.
- Appears to owe a debt to an employer, labor recruiter / employment agency, or loan shark.

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Signs of Human Trafficking

- Appears to have their communication restricted or controlled. They may not be allowed to speak for themselves, a third party may insist on interpreting, or they may seem watched or followed.
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior toward law enforcement or government employees.
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story.
- Appears to have been told lies or deceitful information about their work situation or marriage.

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Who's doing what to stop this?

- Human trafficking is an issue so complex and wide-ranging that law enforcement alone isn't enough. Combating these crimes and helping victims demands efforts of advocates who operate outside normal duties of the justice system.
- Even government agencies as vast and well-funded as the FBI, come up short in their efforts to address every aspect of crime prevention and victim rehabilitation.
- Case in point: A vast network of advocacy groups are relied upon by the FBI to help meet the hierarchy of needs for human trafficking survivors.

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Organizations Fighting Human Trafficking

- **Blue Campaign:** <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign>
 - Ordered supplies on 26 December 2019, items arrived within two weeks.
 - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is recognized each year on January 11th. In recognition of this important day, Blue Campaign hosts a social media campaign called #WearBlueDay. To raise awareness of human trafficking, we ask people to take photos of themselves, friends, family, and colleagues wearing blue clothing and share them on social media, along with our #WearBlueDay hashtag.
- **Under Ground Railroad:** <https://ourrescue.org/>
 - Exist to rescue children from Sex Trafficking
 - O.U.R. has rescued 3,100 victims and assisted in the arrests of more than 1,700 traffickers around the world.



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Organizations Fighting Human Trafficking

- **Polaris Project**
 - <https://polarisproject.org/is-it-human-trafficking>
- **Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT)** founded in 2009 by long-haul truckers to stop proliferation of sex trafficking among their ranks. The organization hopes to stop trafficking by lessening demand for trafficking among truckers.

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Organizations Fighting Human Trafficking

- **Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (S.O.A.P.)**, organization functions in several states and puts on outreach programs during large events, like Super Bowls political conferences, music concerts, etc., which often attract traffickers.
 - distribute millions of bars of soap wrapped with a red band that gives the National Human Trafficking Hotline number ... and resources to high-risk motels.



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Organizations Fighting Human Trafficking

- **FAIR Girls**, an international anti-trafficking organization.
- **Karana Rising**, a Washington D.C.-area nonprofit dedicated to helping survivors of trafficking heal and find meaningful education and employment.
 - focuses on providing young people who were at risk or have experienced trafficking with job skills, life skills and a connection to the community to help them either overcome or stay safe from situations of trafficking

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Organizations Fighting Human Trafficking

- **Regina Human Trafficking Prevention**, offering women and children free rides home after dark. (Canada).
- Schools Against Trafficking
 - <http://www.enmsat.org/>
- Exploit No More
 - <https://www.exploitnomore.org/>
 - Exploit No More
PO Box 510286
Milwaukee, WI 53203
 - Email: contact@exploitnomo
Phone: (414) 384-6100



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National Human Trafficking Resource Center

- <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/resources>
- <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/resources/human-trafficking-americas-schools>
- <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/resources/human-trafficking-assessment-tool-educators>
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So what might you do?

- Will you wait until it hits close to home for you?
- Will you attempt to educate your family and friends?
- Will you ask that someone talk to your students and staff?
- Education of other's on Human Trafficking is the best prescribed method of prevention.

We can make a difference, we have the power!!!

Human trafficking is occurring in cities and towns across the United States. The most important thing you can do is realize that trafficking is happening in your area and help build local awareness about this criminal enterprise.

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