# Help is available.

National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca

The Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre mamawi.com

**Government of Canada: Human Trafficking** publicsafety.gc.ca

**RCMP: Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre** rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ht-tp

Joy Smith Foundation joysmithfoundation.com

Domestic Sex Trafficking of Aboriginal Girls in Canada fncaringsociety.com

#### Where to get help in Thunder Bay.

Matawa First Nations Management Regional Crisis Intervention Coordinator 233 S. Court Street Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X9 (807) 344-4575 1-800-463-2249

Task Force Thunder Bay<br/>Community Church<br/>Salvation Army2621 Victoria Ave. East<br/>Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1E8<br/>(807) 623-6433

Ontario Native Women's Association 380 Ray Blvd Thunder Bay, ON P7B 4E6 1-800-667-0816 (807) 623-3442





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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN DAY SLAVERY

### What is Human Trafficking?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons by threat or use of kidnapping, force, fraud, deception or coercion, or by the giving or receiving of unlawful payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, and for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labour.

The definition of trafficking consists of three core elements.

- 1. The **ACTION** of trafficking, which means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a person.
- 2. The MEANS of trafficking, which includes threat of, or use of, force, deception, coercion, abuse of power or position of vulnerability.
- 3. The **PURPOSE** of trafficking, which is always exploitation.

"Exploitation shall include, at minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour, or services, slavery or the removal of organs.

# Who is at risk?

**ANYONE** can become a victim of human trafficking. Victims can be of any age, gender or race.

Those at most risk are:

- females aged 13-24
- · people of a minority race
- children in foster care
- runaways/homeless/throwaways
- LGBTQ

## **Risk factors.**

- · lack of personal safety
- isolation
- emotional distress
- homelessness
- poverty
- family dysfunction
- substance abuse
- mental illness
- · learning disabilities/developmental delay
- childhood sexual abuse
- promotion of sexual exploitation by family members or peers
- · lack of social support



### The three phases of "The Game" by Human Traffickers.

#### **PHASE 1: RECRUITMENT & LURING**

This is done at schools, malls, group homes, shelters, bars, bus depots, youth court, internet.

Victims of human trafficking are those that appear most vulnerable.

#### **PHASE 2: ISOLATION**

- victims are removed from friends and family
- feeling of being trapped
- put into compromising situations and exploited for control
- victims can be charmed by the trafficker

#### **PHASE 3: CONTROL & EXPLOITATION**

- · victims are intimidated
- threats to family and friends
- psychological and sexual abuse

The victims of human trafficking are frequently lured by false promises of a lucrative job, stability, education or a loving relationship. Victims come from all walks of life. Human Trafficking is a global issue.