

# Sex Trafficking



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# Sex Trafficking Definition



“Sexual Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation (within national or across international borders), transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation. Sexual trafficking is accomplished by means of fraud, deception, threat of or use of force, abuse of a position of vulnerability, and other forms of coercion.”

The Protection Project, “What is Trafficking?” The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2000

# Sex Trafficking Facts



- Sex trafficking is the 2nd most profitable business for organized crime next to drugs and guns.
- 1.2 million children are exploited by the global sex trade industry **every year**; this is in **addition to** the millions already enslaved in the industry.
- The average age of a trafficked victim is 12-14 years old, some have been found as young as 7.
- Sex trafficking is a driving force in the world wide AIDS pandemic.
- People are trafficked from 127 countries to be exploited in 137 countries.

# Sex Trafficking Facts



- Between 14,500 and 17,500 victims are trafficked into the **USA** each year.
- 90% of people being trafficked are women and girls.
- **Every 30 seconds** another person becomes a victim of the sex trafficking industry.
- Each year sexual traffickers lure, coerce, trick, drug, kidnap and sell millions of vulnerable women and children into the multi billion dollar sex trade.
- It is estimated that about 293,000 American youth are currently at risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

# Sex Trafficking



Trafficking is a lucrative industry. It has been identified as the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Sex trafficking is on the rise over drugs and gun dealings because a human can be sold for profit over and over again.



# Sex Trafficking in America



How sex trafficking occurs in America:

- Prostitution
- Massage Parlors/Spas
- Internet Trafficking
- Strip Clubs
- J-1 Visa Abuse
- Abduction
- Pornography



# Domestic Sex Trafficking of Minors DSTM



“It is important to note that United States not only faces an influx of international victims of sex trafficking, but also the United States has its own homegrown problem of interstate sex trafficking of minors.

Pimp-controlled commercial sexual exploitation of children is linked to escort and massage services, private dancing, drinking and photographic clubs, major sporting and recreational events, major cultural events, conventions, and tourist destinations.”

-US Department of Justice



# Sex Trafficking in America



Who is at risk for Domestic Sex Trafficking of Minors?  
(DSTM)

- Run away, throw away or homeless youth
- Physically / sexually abused adolescents
- Drug Addicts
- Uninformed





# What Can We Do?



1. Become informed
2. Educate
3. Volunteer
4. Support Organizations
5. Social Services
6. Become an Advocate
7. Contact Congress
8. Combat Demand



# Combating the Demand



The single most important defense against the crime of sex trafficking is **stopping the demand** of sexual exploitation.

How do we do this?



# Combating the Demand



- Start a program in your community for people struggling with sexual addictions.
- Work in your community to seek the arrest of buyers of commercial sex, as well as to develop deterrent sex offender programs.
- Raise a generation of boys who respect women and their rights.
- Help girls to know their own value and to watch out for warning signs so they don't become victims themselves.
- Understand that prostitution is not a victimless crime.

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Sexual slavery has been going on since the beginning of time and it's not going away without a battle. It is no longer acceptable to turn a blind eye to either the victims or the perpetrators of sex trafficking. It's time for the world to come to a space of finally saying, "This is immoral and we are not going to tolerate it!"

