



Human Trafficking Newsletter #2

Where does trafficking occur?

While the sex industry is where trafficking frequently occurs, it also is in other situations:

- Domestic Servitude
- Construction Industry
- Landscaping
- Factories & Sweatshops
- Migrant Farm Work
- Nail Salons
- Service Industry - including nursing homes, cleaning services, bars, restaurants, and the food industry



Within 48 hours of running away, a young person is likely to be solicited for prostitution or another form of commercial sexual exploitation.

Human trafficking is often described as "modern day slavery" or "trafficking in persons (TIP)"

Remembering that trafficking occurs in both the United States as well as around the world, the U.S. State Department describes trafficking as:

Forced Labor or Involuntary Servitude

Women and girls in domestic servitude are often also sexually exploited.

Forced Child Labor

May be characterized by a child performing work that financially benefits someone other than the child's family, and the child having no option of leaving.

Bonded Labor or Debt Bondage (also called peonage)

Contract abuse and hazardous conditions of employment are not necessarily trafficking, but they may co-occur.

Child Soldiers

Recruitment or use of children through force, fraud or coercion as combatants, or for labor or sexual exploitation by armed

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forces.

Sexual Trafficking - including Child Sex Trafficking

Federal law makes the involvement of any child or youth under age 18 in a commercial sex act an incident of human trafficking, no matter what the circumstances.

For adults, their initial consent to participate in sexual activity such as prostitution may turn into a situation where they are held in service through psychological manipulation, physical force or other coercive means. When that occurs, the situation has become one of trafficking.

Myth vs. Fact

Myth:

Human trafficking is only sex trafficking.

Fact:

You may have heard about sex trafficking, but forced labor is also a significant and prevalent type of human trafficking. Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate labor industries. Both sex trafficking and forced labor involve exploitation of a person - a key characteristic of trafficking.

The next About Human Trafficking newsletter is scheduled Wednesday, August 7, 2013.