

Human Trafficking

Not Someone Else's Problem

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Agenda

- Human Trafficking Defined
- Prostitution Laws in Canada
- Scope of the Problem
- Counter Sexual Exploitation Strategy
- Enforcement
- Role of Our Partners - SAVS
- Role of Our Community
- Going Forward



What is Human Trafficking?

- An offence that involves...
 - Controlling
 - Forcing
 - Intimidating
 - Deceiving
- In order to exploit them through...
 - Sexual acts
 - Forced labour
 - Slavery
 - Removal of organs



Sex Trade Worker vs Human Trafficking



Sex Trade Worker

*Voluntary
(by choice or by
circumstance)*

YES

YES

NO

YES

Entry

Control over working conditions

Control over profits

Control by third party

Option to exit

Human Trafficking

*Involuntary
(forced)*

NO

NO

YES

NO



What is LEGAL in Canada?

- Introduced in 2014, Bill C-36
 - It is LEGAL to sell sexual services
 - It is LEGAL to communicate with the intention of selling sex, in some circumstances
 - It is LEGAL, technically, to advertise your own services



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What is ILLEGAL in Canada?

- It is ILLEGAL to sell sex close to...
 - School grounds
 - Playgrounds
 - Day care centres
- It is ILLEGAL to purchase sexual services
- It is ILLEGAL to communicate with the intention of buying sex
- It is ILLEGAL to advertise the sale of others' sexual services



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Scope of the Problem

- Second to drugs, Human Trafficking is the world's **fastest growing criminal** enterprise!
- Why is that?
 - You can only sell **drugs** once.
 - But, a person can be sold **over** and **over** again.
 - The **risks** for Traffickers are **low** and the profits are high.



Staggering Statistics

- According to the United Nations, the total market value of human trafficking is over **32 billion dollars**.
- In 2007, it generated more money than...



COMBINED



Prevalence in Canada

- Statistics Canada, 2014
 - 206 Police-reported violation of Human Trafficking
 - <1% of ALL reported Police incidents
 - 93% of victims were woman
 - 63% are between 15-24 years old
 - 83% of accused were men
- An estimated 16,000 Canadians are being Trafficked in Canada
- 71% of cases involve domestic sex trafficking



Vulnerable Groups

- Indigenous groups
- Homeless youth
- Youth in protective care
- Youth/young adults with a history of abuse
- Newcomers to Canada



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Indigenous Groups & MMIWG

- Human Trafficking contributes to the National issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- Factors contributing to the issue...
 - Legacy of Colonization
 - Residual effects of Residential Schools
 - Systemic cases of abuse
 - Projected stereotypes
 - Poverty and homelessness
 - Lack of traditional teachings, healings and ceremonies



Factors Leading to Victimization

- Low self-esteem/self worth
- Lack of confidence/insecurity
- Problems with family
- Do not feel adequately loved
- Lack of social support networks
- Problems at school/bullying
- Previous abuse



Societal/Systemic Factors Leading to Victimization

- Social marginalization
- Poverty/few economic opportunities
- Isolated neighbourhood/proximity to crime
- Racism/discrimination
- Newcomer/language barriers
- Gender
- LGBT2Q+
- Legacy of colonization



Counter Sexual Exploitation Strategy

Four Pillars

- **Prevention of Human Trafficking**
 - Safety, Education and Harm Reduction – AWARENESS is essential
 - Intelligence gathering – SHARE information and COORDINATE efforts
 - Enforcement in Greater Sudbury
 - High risk or at-risk missing youth or vulnerable persons
- **Protection of Victims**
 - Identifying and building rapport with exploited persons
 - Engagement and Outreach – providing support
 - Safety checks of identified persons
 - Suspect/Offender information gathering
 - Assist in locating high risk youth/missing persons



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Counter Sexual Exploitation Strategy

Four Pillars Continued

- **Enforcement of Offenders**

- Goals directed at the identification and apprehension of “exploiters”
- Development of online Prostitution Complaint Form via CopLogic
- Collaborate with City of Greater Sudbury By-Law to enforce Escort Agency approval
- Prostitutions law enforcement

- **Working in Partnership**

- Sudbury and Area Victim Services
- Regionally
- Provincially
- Internationally
- Nationally



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Accomplishments

- 2015 & 2016, investigations conducted by B.E.A.R. Unit and Missing Persons Investigator
- Participated in FIVE sessions of Operation Northern Spotlight
- January 2017, Gang and Vice Liaison position created
- Since January 2017, approx. 50 cases investigated
 - Human Trafficking and Human Trafficking-related



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Operation Northern Spotlight

- Began in 2014 with TWO R.C.M.P. Officers
- National outreach operation
- Proactively targets vulnerable persons in sex trade
 - Identify
 - Provide support
 - Gather information
- In 2016, fifth edition, 53 Police partners across NINE provinces
 - 334 interview
 - 16 individuals removed from exploitative situations



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Role of Victim Services

- **Safety;** home safety repairs to secure premises
 - Lock changes
 - Window and door repairs
 - Installation of deadbolts, peepholes, and bars
- Contact alarms
- Door stops
- Personal safety alarms
- Cell phone and airtime (minutes)
- **Practical Assistance**
 - Basic necessities
 - clothing/toiletries
 - Meals and groceries
 - Medication
 - Temporary accommodations
 - Replacement of government documents
 - Eye glasses and eye exams
 - Interpretation services
 - Aids for victims with disabilities
 - Storage locker rental



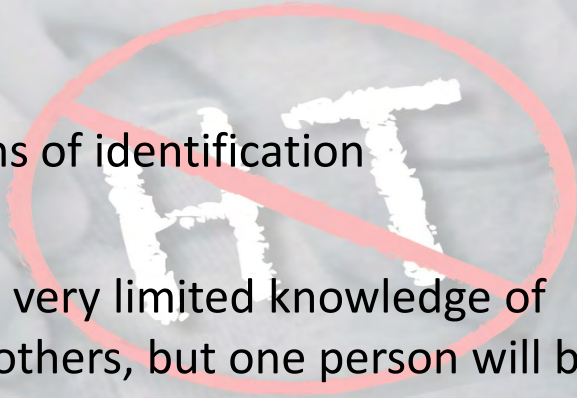
Role of Victim Services

- **Personal Care**
 - Dental care
 - Tattoo removal
 - Scar removal
- **Travel and Related**
 - to safe accommodation
 - to medical appointments, treatments, etc.
 - to other services
 - Care for dependents or pets
- **Restoration**
 - Crime scene clean up
 - Graffiti removal
- **Counselling**
 - Trauma-based
 - Transpiration
 - Traditional Indigenous health services
- **Treatment**
 - Treatment at a recovery facility



Know the Signs

- They may seem disoriented or disheveled
- They appear withdrawn and/or intimidated (rarely smile)
- They may be made up to look older than they really are
- The person/people they're with are significantly older
- The person/people they're with seem to be preventing them from moving about freely
- They may show signs of physical abuse
- They don't have their own credit cards or forms of identification
- They may have tattoos that mark ownership
- International (Newcomers) victims might have very limited knowledge of English (if any) and they will often travel with others, but one person will be in charge of the group
- They may claim to be visiting, but they aren't able to clarify where they're staying

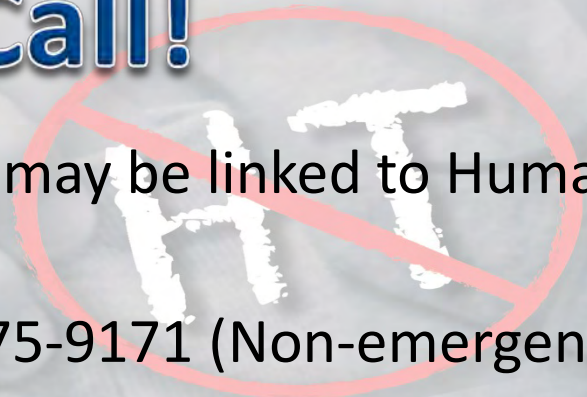


What Can You Do?

- Raise awareness about Human Trafficking in your schools, activity groups and community groups
- Talk about Human Trafficking with your friends and family

Make the Call!

- Report any suspicious activities that may be linked to Human Trafficking to...
 - Police; 9-1-1 (Emergency) 705-675-9171 (Non-emergency)
 - Crime Stoppers; 222-TIPS (8477)
 - Sudbury & Area Victim Services; 705-522-6970



Our Goals

- Identify Suspects
- Disband Human Trafficking Operations
 - stings
- Identify victims
- Provide victims with appropriate supports
- Work collaboratively with community partners to...
 - Assist victims
 - Increase public awareness



Questions

Know the Signs
Make the Call!

