

Human Trafficking

GSPS's Commitment to
Prevention – Protection – Prosecution - Partnerships

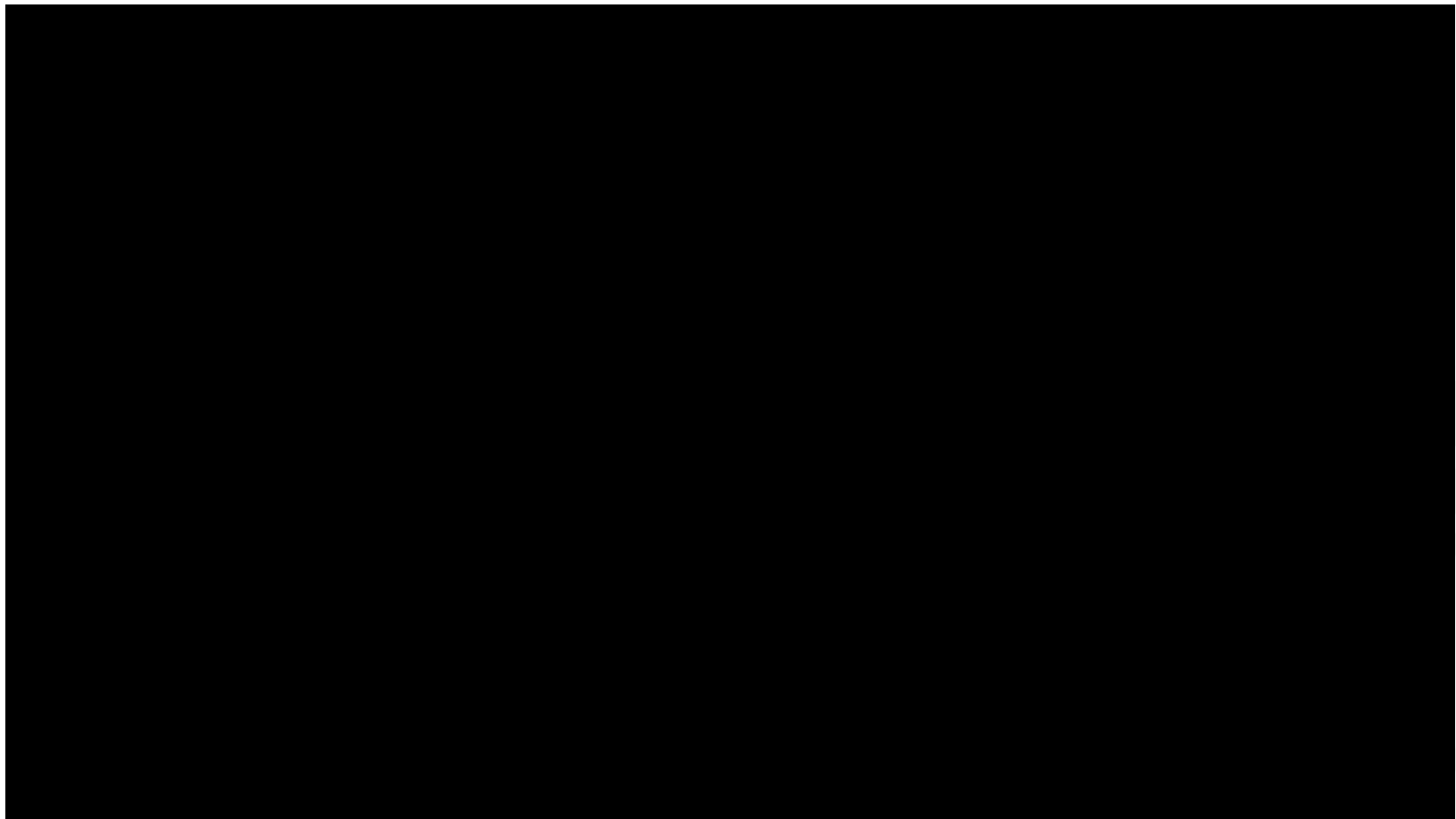
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Human Trafficking: It's not what it seems



Agenda

- What is Human Trafficking
- Who is at Risk of Being Trafficked and Knowing the Signs
- Statistics of HT in Canada, Ontario and in Greater Sudbury
- Anatomy of a HT investigation
- Partnerships GSPS has developed along with Public Education
- We all Have a Role to Play Combatting Human Trafficking



Human Trafficking

- Control, force and intimidation
- Forced labour and Sexual Exploitation
- Coercion of victims
- Complex and often hidden crime
- Multi-jurisdictional crime



Who is at Risk of Being Trafficked

- Women and girls are the highest risk with Indigenous women and girls being especially vulnerable
 - Boys, men and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community are also targeted
- Marginalized individuals within the foster care system
- Individuals who struggle with low self-esteem and low self worth and have a history of being bullied, discriminated or abused
- Individuals who struggle with addiction
- Individuals who struggle from mental health



Recognize the Signs

- Disoriented or disheveled
- Withdrawn (rarely smile)
- Victim may present to look older than they really are
- Signs of physical abuse
- Tattoos/Branding
- Not in control of their own money



Human Trafficking in Canada

2011 to 2021: 3,541 reported incidents

- 2,459 - Criminal Code of Canada
- 1,082 - Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

2021: 552 reported incidents

- 352 - Criminal Code of Canada
- 200 - Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

- 96% of victims are women and girls



Human Trafficking in Ontario

2011 to 2021: 2,269 reported incidents

- 1,442 - Criminal Code of Canada
- 827 - Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

2021: 341 reported incidents

- 182 - Criminal Code of Canada
- 159 - Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

Ontario's rate of human trafficking was higher than the national rate (1.4 incidents) with Ontario at 2.3



Human Trafficking in Sudbury

2020

- 61 investigations
- 12 charges
- 35 potential/identified victims

2021

- 41 investigations
- 17 charges
- 35 potential/identified victims

2022

- 93 investigations
- 29 charges
- 71 potential/identified victims

Anatomy of an Investigation

- Call for Service is received
- Human Trafficking investigator is assigned
- Sudbury and Area Victim Services engaged
- Victims are encouraged to provide a statement
- Investigators will lay charges if reasonable grounds exist that an offence has been committed



Partnerships

- Project Empower
- Sudbury and Area Victim Services
- Provincial Human Trafficking Intelligence-led Joint Forces Strategy
- Timea's Cause Inc.
- Greater Sudbury Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition
- Project TIIPS (Trauma Informed Indigenous Prevention & Support)



Public Education

- Media Campaigns
- Awareness Presentations
- GSPS Human Trafficking Conferences
- Anti-Human Trafficking awareness video



Combatting Human Trafficking

- Human Trafficking is highly under-reported and police reported cases only capture the tip of the iceberg.
- Dedicated to a survivor-centered approach
- Four key pillars; Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnership
- Disclosing to police is not the final step to freedom for each Survivor, but rather, it is the beginning of a lifelong process of healing.



We All Have a Role to Play

- Talk about Human Trafficking with your friends and family
- Raise awareness about Human Trafficking in your activity groups and community groups
- Report any suspicious activities that may be linked to Human Trafficking
 - Police: 9-1-1 (emergency), 705-675-9171 (non-emergency) or Online [Human Trafficking - Greater Sudbury Police \(gsps.ca\)](https://www.gsps.ca/human-trafficking)
 - Crime Stoppers: 222-TIPS (8477)
 - Sudbury & Area Victim Services: 705-522-6970
 - Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-833-900-1010



Questions

