

End Sex Trafficking in South Dakota

Ever witnessed or experienced this form of modern day slavery?

Sex trafficking is a part of human trafficking.

It's against federal and state law to recruit, harbor, transport, provide or obtain a person through the use of force, fraud or coercion to engage in prostitution, pornography and exotic dancing, or other forced labor.

There is no one face of traffickers.

Sex traffickers may be called pimps or "boyfriends." Traffickers can be relatives, pose as employers, business owners, or part of a loose knit decentralized crime network, or organized crime syndicate.

Victims of sex trafficking are vulnerable, isolated, "invisible" to most of society. Most are young, female, and have already experienced violence. Many are "throw away kids," or chronic runaways. Some may not have legal citizenship.

What Are the Signs That Someone Is Being Trafficked?

Most victims are extremely fearful and mistrusting. Indicators include:

- Can't buy their own food or clothes
- Can't have friends, go to school, or contact relatives
- Are embarrassed and ashamed
- Are malnourished
- Were branded, burned by cigarettes, or forcible tattooed
- Forcibly alcohol/other drug use
- Have been raped, beaten, black-mailed
- Have anxiety disorder and depression

Sex Trafficking Can Happen Anywhere!

**Truck Stops
Hunting Lodges
Casinos
Bars/Clubs
Hotels/Motels
Bus Stations
Airports
Motorcycle Rallies
County Fairs
Carnivals
Pow-Wows
Malls/Theaters
Restaurants
Homeless Shelters
and
On-line Social
Networking Sites**

For More Information or Help:

911 - Will dispatch an officer- may not be trained to respond to trafficking cases, but best for immediate emergencies.

Polaris Project - Nat'l Human Trafficking Resource Center - 1-888-3737-888 www.polarisproject.org
Call to report a potential case of trafficking, request training or info. * 24-hour capacity

U.S. Dept. of Justice Trafficking Persons & Worker Exploitation Task Force Line - 1-888-428-7581
Direct to federal law enforcement -
Weekdays, 9am to 5pm EST

SD Coalition Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence
1-800-572-9196 www.sdcedsv.org



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