

## Understanding Victims of Human Trafficking

- **Many victims do not speak English** and do not fully understand the American culture.
- **Some Victims do not know what city or country they are in** because they are often forced to move, sometimes multiple times.
- **Most victims have a strong sense of distrust** because they fear being deported.
- **Many victims do not see themselves as victims** and do not realize what is being done to them is wrong.

## Human Trafficking Facts

- Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking).
- Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.
- California harbors 3 of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.

## Human Trafficking Facts Continued...

- There are approximately 20-30 million slaves in the world today.
- It is estimated that approximately 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation, and 19% involves labor exploitation.
- The average cost of a slave is \$90, globally.
- According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80% are female and half are children.

**For more information regarding human trafficking visit:**  
[www.acf.hhf.gov/program-top-ics/human-trafficking](http://www.acf.hhf.gov/program-top-ics/human-trafficking).

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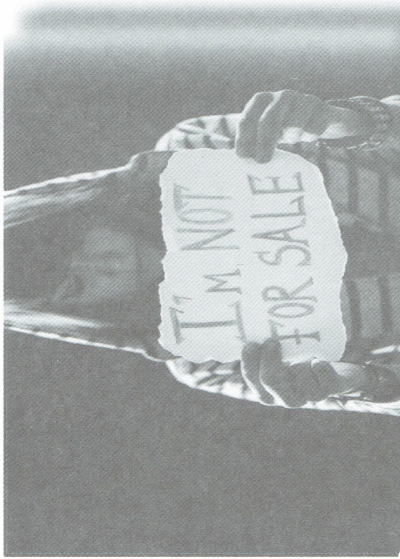


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The United States of America is principally a transit and destination country for trafficking persons. It is estimated that 14,500 to 17,500 people, primarily women and children, are trafficked to the U.S. annually.

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## What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain. Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation.

## Smuggling vs. Trafficking

### Smuggling

- Consented
  - Ends with the arrival
  - Always transnational
- ### Trafficking
- Never consented
  - Involves ongoing exploitation that usually generates profits
  - Sometimes transnational

## 3 Elements of Human Trafficking

- **ACTION** (How has the person been harbored?)
- **MEANS** (What abuse has been performed?)
- **PURPOSE** (Why it is done?)

## Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking

Victims can be young children, teenagers, men and women. By asking yourself the following questions, you can help identify potential victims of human trafficking:

1. Is the person accompanied by another person who seems to be controlling (potentially the trafficker)?
2. Is the person rarely allowed to be out in public (except for work)?
3. Can you see any physical or psychological abuse?
4. Does the person seem to be submissive or fearful?
5. Does the person have trouble communicating because of language or cultural barriers?
6. Does the person lack identification or documentation?
7. Is someone else collecting the person's pay or holding their money for "safe keeping"?

**Gaining a human trafficking victim's trust is the most important step before you can help them.**