2017
Sex Trafficking
in Illinois & the U.S.

Sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion.

12-14 years old
Average age a child is coerced into the sex trade

250,000 youth
In the U.S., at risk of sexual exploitation

80% of human trafficking in Illinois is sex trafficking

$150 billion+ per year industry
Sex trafficking is a

21 million
Victims worldwide: of ANY age, gender, race, religion and socioeconomic background

The enormous profit for traffickers derives from the “repeated sale” of the victim’s body

Sex trafficking occurs in both urban & rural areas. The main route through Illinois is 294

Top Industries
1. Pimp-controlled prostitution
2. Commercial-front brothels
3. Escort services
4. Pornography
5. Stripping

Where Victims are Recruited:
The Internet
Social Media
School
The Mall
The Street / Park

“IT is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods.”
—Pope Francis

Average number of times a victim is sold in 1 day
10 to 15

Life expectancy after entry
7 years

Request Help / Report Tips
National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-788
or text “Help” to 233733 (BeFree)

Sources:
Labor Trafficking in Illinois & the U.S.

Labor trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a person is forced to perform work via force, fraud, or coercion. Victims are unable to leave their situation.

In Illinois, victims are found most often in Chicago.
- Restaurants
- Fields
- Resorts

Victims worldwide of labor exploitation; 5.5 million are children.
- 55% are women and girls; 45% are men and boys.

Top Industries
- Domestic work
- Restaurants/foodservice
- Peddling rings
- Traveling sales crews
- Agricultural work
- Landscaping
- Child care
- Housekeeping
- Factory work
- Massage/spas
- Construction
- Carnivals
- Nail salons

Victims are forced to work long hours with little or no pay.

TRAFFICKERS USE VIOLENCE, THREATS, AND LIES; WITHHOLD DOCUMENTS & PAYMENT; CONTROL MOVEMENT OF VICTIMS.

"...all people are equal and must be accorded the same freedom and the same dignity. Modern slavery...is a crime against humanity."
—Pope Francis

58% reported paying a recruitment fee.

10% paid a fee for a job that didn’t exist.

52% were not shown a work contract.

A Hidden Crime: Living in Fear

Victims may be:
- Living in fear of U.S. authorities
- Unable to speak English
- Unfamiliar with surroundings
- Isolated, guarded or threatened psychologically
- Required to pay recruitment fees
- Unaware of their legal rights
- Culturally isolated

TRAFFICKERS USE VIOLENCE, THREATS, AND LIES; WITHHOLD DOCUMENTS & PAYMENT; CONTROL MOVEMENT OF VICTIMS.

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888
or text "Help" to 233733 (BeFree)

Request Help / Report Tips

Sources: