

Human Trafficking



What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is when someone is recruited, transported, or held for the purpose of exploiting them for profit. In Canada, the two most common forms of human trafficking are **sex trafficking** and **labour trafficking**.

Sex Trafficking

Sex trafficking is when someone is controlled, threatened, or manipulated into exchanging sexual services for money, and where the trafficker who controls them, takes all or most of the money.

Labour Trafficking

Labour trafficking is the control and exploitation of a person for their labour or service, usually through force, threats, and deception. Labour traffickers use violence, threats, lies, and illegal debts to make people work.

Signs of Sex Trafficking

Do you or someone you know:

-  Have a **new relationship** with someone older or richer, or maybe online? Does the person seem to be controlling?
-  Receive **gifts or cash** from a partner for no reason?
-  Seem to be in a relationship that has taken a **sudden negative turn**?
-  Have **intimate images** being shared online with/without consent?
-  Feel **intimidated or controlled**? For example, controlling location, keeping a phone, or ID?

Signs of Labour Trafficking

Do you or someone you know:

-  Have a job offer that seems **too good to be true**?
-  Have an employer who makes **threats of deportation** or reporting immigration status to police?
-  Have an employer that **withholds personal identification**, like your passport?
-  Have to **relocate** for work with few details and no payment up front?
-  Feel their life or those they love could be in danger if they don't **work long hours** and/or **accept a lower wage**?

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Need to connect with the Mesa Mobile Outreach Team? Call 1-877-819-4181 (toll-free)

Are you worried you or someone you know is being trafficked? You can call the confidential Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-833-900-1010

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