

Defining Sex Trafficking - The action or practice of illegally transporting victims from one country, community, or area to another, for the purposes of forced sexual exploitation.

* If the victim / survivor is over the age of 18 and the survivor states they do not wish to have police notified then the person has no grounds to contact police. The survivors wish must be respected.

Sex Trafficking Indicators

Control Indicators	Isolation Indicators	Sex Trade Indicators	Other Indicators
Exhibits fear, anxiety & hyper-vigilance	History of frequent moves	Use of lingo or slang	Inconsistent in their story
Signs of physical and or sexual abuse	Lack of social supports	Has to meet a nightly quota	Lack of trust
Health & Dental problems	Chronic runaway	Having & using fake identification	Paranoia
Partner is present	Poor attendance	Lying about age	Fears making eye contact
Dominating relationship	Restricted / scripted communications	Chronic Isolation	Paranoia & Lack of Trust

Priority Questions

1. Is there anything I can do for you right now that will not put you in to danger?
2. Is there anyone or anything in your life that you are afraid of right now?

General Assessment Questions

1. I noticed you attend your appointment today with someone else, can you tell me a little bit about your relationship with him / her?
2. Who do you normally turn to for support in your life?
3. Is there anyone new in your life you want to talk about?
4. Are you currently living with someone? If so, can you tell me who they are?
5. There are agencies in Huron County that can provide you with more supports, are you interested in hearing about them?

Resources:

Victim Services Huron County	519 - 600 - 4108
Huron County OPP	1 888 - 310 – 1122
Huron & Perth Children’s Aid Society (Victim is Under 18)	519 - 524 – 7356
Huron Women’s Shelter	519 - 524 – 5333
Huron Perth Help Line & Crisis Response Team	1 888 – 829 - 7484



Identifying Language – Human Trafficking

- **Bottom Bitch:** A woman who is under the control of a trafficker that is required to supervise the other women and report violations back to the trafficker for them to be punished.
- **Daddy:** What a pimp requires his victims to call him.
- **Date:** The exchange when the 'prostitution' takes place, the victim is said to be 'with a date' or 'dating'.
- **Exit Fee:** The money a pimp demands from a victim who is trying to exit the game or ring. This sum of money will be large and unattainable, most traffickers do not let their victims walk away for free.
- **Finesse / Romeo Pimp:** The pimp that uses sheer emotional manipulation in attempts to make his victims fall in love first and act as though he is her boyfriend. However, the force of physical violence is always present.
- **Gorilla Pimp:** The pimp that controls through sheer force and physical violence.
- **John:** The buyer of sex, the one who pays or trades something for sexual acts
- **Lot Lizard:** A term used to describe a person who is being trafficked at a truck stop.
- **Quota:** A set amount of money that a trafficked victim must make in one night before allowed to come home, without the filled quota she runs the risk of being physically beaten.
- **Seasoning:** A combination of psychological manipulation, intimidation, gang rape, beatings, deprivation of food and / or sleep, isolation from friends and/ or family, threatening or holding hostage of a victim's children. Seasoning is designed to break down the victim's resistance to ensure complete control, submission, and compliance.
- **The Game:** Another term used to describe the sex industry, given a light name with the false impression that it is a fun and easy way to make a living.
- **Trick:** The act or person buying prostitution, "turning a trick", "with a trick".
- **Turn Out:** To be forced into prostitution or a person who is newly involved in prostitution.
- **Wifey / Wife in Law / Sister Wife:** What women and girls under control of the same pimp call one another

* It is important to make sure the victims know that your support is not contingent of the victim staying out of the sex trade industry, that you will support them regardless of their decision to return to the work or not.

*It is important to take a harm reduction approach with victims and support them in any capacity that your organization can. Noting that they see how much money can be made working in the industry and even if they try and return as an independent escort it can be challenging to remain in the game and do so safely.

*Like those fleeing domestic violence, it can often take a victim of Human Trafficking multiple attempts to leave before they are able to do so. The trafficker has or had such control over them that it is often hard for the survivors to navigate everyday tasks without someone telling them how to do so.

