

STOP Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking consists of **3** core elements: The Act, The Means, the Purpose.

The Act: Recruit, Transport, Transfer, Harbor, Receive

The Means: Threat or use of force, Coercion, Fraud, Deception, Abuse of a position of vulnerability, giving payments of benefits, abduction

The Purpose: For exploitation



MYTHS

- Only women and girls can be victims and survivors of sex trafficking.
- If the trafficked person consented to be in their initial situation, then it cannot be human trafficking or against their will because they “knew better.”
- Traffickers target victims they don’t know.



FACTS

- Men and boys are also victimized by sex traffickers. LGBTQ boys and young men are seen as particularly vulnerable to trafficking.
- Initial consent to commercial sex or a labor setting prior to acts of force, fraud, or coercion (or if the victim is a minor in a sex trafficking situation) is not relevant to the crime, nor is payment.
- Many survivors have been trafficked by romantic partners, including spouses, and by family members, including parents.

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