

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

❑ **Myth:** Human trafficking involves moving, traveling or transporting a person across state or national borders



❑ **Fact:** the crime of human trafficking does not require any movement whatsoever. Survivors can be recruited and trafficked in their own home towns, even their own homes.

❑ **Myth:** Traffickers target victims they don't know



❑ **Fact:** Many survivors have been trafficked by romantic partners, including spouses, and by family members, including parents.

❑ **Myth:** 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"



❑ **Fact:** 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.

