



What is Human Trafficking?

“Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality.”

(Department of Homeland Security, Blue Campaign)

SOURCE: What is human trafficking? What Is Human Trafficking? | Homeland Security. (2022, September 22)

TYPES OF TRAFFICKING



Sex Trafficking:

- A form of modern day slavery in which individuals perform commercial sex through the use of force, fraud or coercion.
- Under the age of 18- if engaging in commercial sex the individual is considered to be a victim of sex trafficking regardless of the use of force, fraud or coercion.



Labor Trafficking:

- Individuals are compelled against their will to provide work or service through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

SOURCE: Sex trafficking. National Human Trafficking Hotline

RECRUITMENT BY FAMILY MEMBERS



42% were brought into trafficking by an **family member**

39% were recruited by an intimate partner or a **marriage proposition**



SOURCE: Human Trafficking Trends in 2020. Polaris Project. Retrieved 12/28/2022

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN ARIZONA



- The average **age** of entry into the sex trade in **Arizona is 14 years old.**
- Law enforcement has seen girls as **young as 9 sold for sex** in Arizona
- Within **36- 48 hours** of being on the run, runaways will be approached by a **trafficker looking to sexually exploit** them
- Currently **78,000 men in Phoenix** are online sex ad customers. Over 300 ads are placed **each day** for “adult services”
- At least **1 in 7 youth online** have received a **sexual solicitation** or were approached over the internet
- Over **56% of children** who received a sexual solicitation were ask to **send photos of themselves**

SOURCE: Human Trafficking: Arizona's not buying it. State of Arizona Attorney General.

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