

Human Trafficking: Canada's Secret Shame

"Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill
the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2



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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, or harbouring of persons for the purpose of exploitation, typically in the sex industry or for forced labour.

- Traffickers use various methods to maintain control over their victims, including physical violence, sexual assault, and emotional abuse.
- Human trafficking may occur across or within borders, and can involve extensive organized crime networks.
- Traffickers clearly violate the basic human rights of their victims.
- Victims may be forced into labour, prostitution or other forms of servitude.
- Victims may suffer abuse from their traffickers and may face severe consequences if they refuse to comply or attempt to escape.



Source: RCMP National Human Trafficking Coordination Centre

Who is at risk of being trafficked?

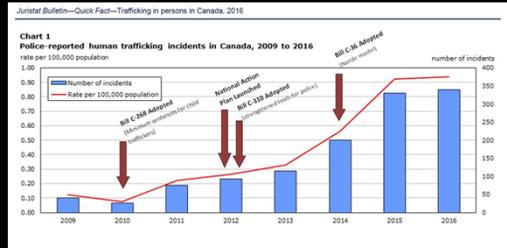
- Very young girls and boys because they are easily influenced, intimidated and recruited, and there is a high demand for young children.
- Youth who appear isolated from their peers or have been bullied.
- Youth who may not have family or community support, or whose parents are busy and unable to check in with their children on a daily basis.
- Anyone can become a victim, particularly young women and girls.



Statistics Canada Report 2016

Incidents of human trafficking continue to rise - over 50% of the police reported cases from 2009-2016 have taken place in the latter two years of 2015-2016.

This graph shows the increase in charges laid after Joy Smith's bills were passed...



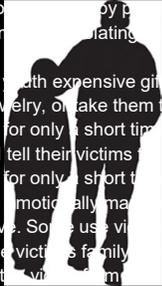
How to Spot a Predator

- Trafficants are often affluent and well-educated.
- Trafficants often have a routine business or social relationship with their victims.
- Trafficants often 'charge' their victims with routine business or social activities, and even if they are not, they often look for victims in many places, including:
 - Airports
 - Malls and movie theatres
 - Extracurricular activities and events
 - Schools and grounds
 - Parks
 - Community centres
 - Social media



What is Grooming?

- Anyone can become a victim of human trafficking.
- Traffickers are highly skilled at targeting their victims.
- Grooming is the process by which predators work to gain the trust of the victim, isolating them from family and friends.
- Predators may buy their victims expensive gifts such as brand name clothing or jewelry, or take them to fancy restaurants after knowing them for only a short time.
- Often predators will tell their victims that they love them after knowing them for only a short time.
- Predators are often emotionally manipulative and physically and mentally abusive. Some use violence or threats of violence towards the victim's family as a form of control and as a way to isolate the victim from their family.
- Predators fuel the victims' mistrust of police.



Watch for the signs that your child is being groomed...

- Sudden interest in a boy or man who is several years older
- New clothing, jewelry or gifts without having the money to purchase these items
- Frequent sleepovers at a friends' house
- Change in style of dress or makeup
- New circle of friends and isolation from old group of friends
- Change in attitude toward school, regular activities, friends and family
- Grades are dropping
- Unexplained cuts and bruises
- Using two cell phones

#KnowTheSigns

Highlights of the Year: School Activities

River East Collegiate, Winnipeg

Springfield Collegiate, Oakbank

Morris & Rosendahl Schools, Morris

The King's School, Winnipeg

Highlights: Working with Indigenous Communities

Thompson, MB

Norway House Cree Nation, MB

Peguis First Nation, MB

Highlights: Events



Calgary Stampede Breakfast with Genesis Aviation



Break Forth Oiro Conference, Edmonton



Paul Brandt, Calgary



YC Red Deer Conference

Highlights: Events



Role for Refuge, Winnipeg



EAC Survivors Christmas, Winnipeg



Community Leaders in Winster, MB

Highlights: Awards



Caritas Awards, Catholic Foundation of MB



Paul Bogg's "The True Story of Canadian Human Trafficking" won three World Guild awards!



Receiving the Order of Manitoba from the Lieutenant Governor

Coming Soon: Our New School Program



How Can You Help Us?

- Ride for Refuge is our largest annual fundraising event!
- It's a family-friendly cycling and walking event held in cities across Canada - this year on October 5th!

Join us for awareness and survivorship



For more information please visit www.joysmithfoundation.com

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Proverbs 31:8-9
