

RCAHT Fact Sheet

RCAHT's Mission:

Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force is a collaborative partnership led by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and Operation SafeHouse to develop resources in the county to educate, prevent, intervene and treat victims of human trafficking and exploitation. The goal of the Task Force is to coordinate services tailored to the characteristics and circumstances of these victims, train law enforcement on investigation and detection, educate the public and create awareness to protect people from abuse and exploitation.

Labor Trafficking:

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Examples of labor trafficking:

Day labors, agriculture, landscape, factory, nanny/childcare, housework, indentured servitude, hotel, restaurant, removal of organs, peddling, carnival.

Sex Trafficking:

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a purpose of commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years.

Examples of Sex Trafficking:

Exotic dancing, prostitution, servile marriage, On-line prostitution, personal escort.

Statistics for Sex Trafficking of *Minors*:

- Average age of entry into CSEC is 12-14 years.
- Approximately 200,000 American youth are —at risk of commercial sexual exploitation each year
- The majority of these children are either runaways, throw-aways or homeless youth (60%)
 - 2.8 Million children live on the streets in US
 - At least 75% of minors exploited through prostitution are controlled by a pimp.
- 30% of shelter youth and 70% of street youth are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

Quick Tips for Identification:

- Accompanied by a controlling person or boss; not speaking on their own behalf.
 - Commercial sex on the streets or internet, especially minors.
 - With debt owed to employer or crew leader; an inability to leave job.
- Who is transported to or from work; lives and works in the same place.
- With lack of control over personal schedule, belongings, I.D., money.
 - With bruises, depression, fear, overly submissive.
 - Presence of an overly controlling or abusive 'boyfriend'
 - Excess amounts of cash
 - Chronic runaway/homeless
 - Signs on branding
 - Lying about age/false identification
- Lack of knowledge about a given community or whereabouts
 - Redistricted/scripted communication