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**For more information, visit the following:**

[www.befree58.org](http://www.befree58.org)

[www.ecpatusa.org](http://www.ecpatusa.org)

[www.endslaverynow.com](http://www.endslaverynow.com)

[www.humantrafficking.org](http://www.humantrafficking.org)

[www.northstarinitiative.org](http://www.northstarinitiative.org)

[www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)

[www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)

[www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org/education](http://www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org/education)

[www.slaveryfootprint.org](http://www.slaveryfootprint.org)

[www.state.gov/j/tip](http://www.state.gov/j/tip)

[www.stopenslavement.org](http://www.stopenslavement.org)

[www.traffickingresourcecenter.org](http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org)

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

[www.walkfree.org](http://www.walkfree.org)

**HOPE meetings – all are welcome**

**HOPE: Local Citizens Against Human Trafficking** meets the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Benedictine Multicultural Center, 2500 5th St. SE, Watertown, SD, 57201. For more information, call 605.878.2021

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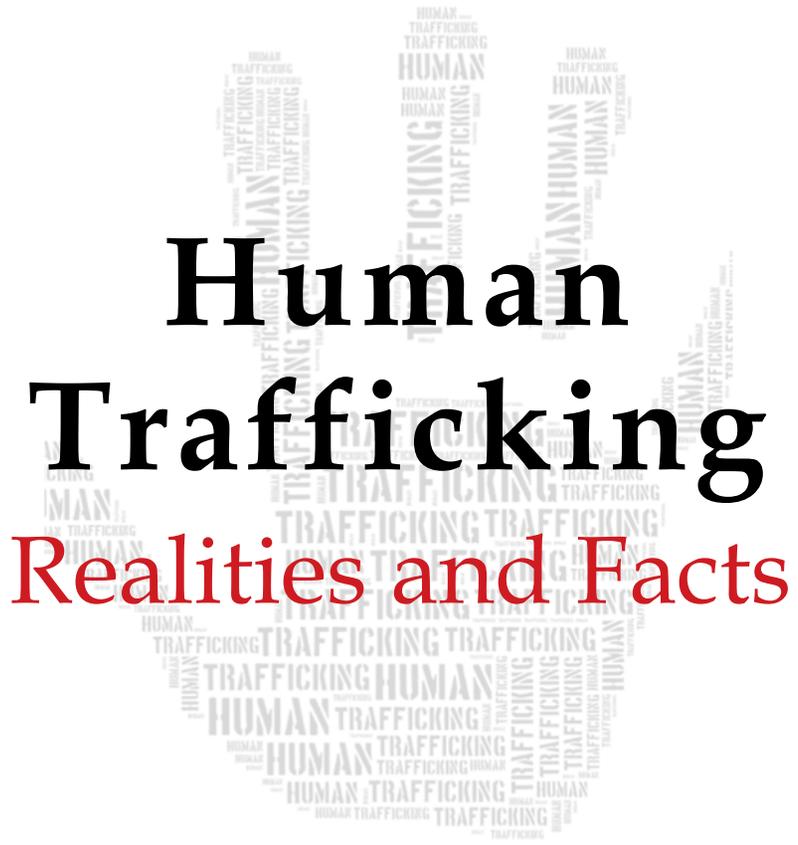
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# Human Trafficking Realities and Facts



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# WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

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***Trafficking is the illegal trade of human beings, primarily for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. It is human slavery.***

- Trafficking is to be taken against a person's will, bought, sold, and enslaved "for sexual exploitation, forced begging, sacrificial worship or removal of human organs, as child brides or into sweat shops, circuses, farm labor, and domestic servitude." (stopthetraffick.org)
- It is estimated that 21 million people are enslaved worldwide today, with 4.5 million estimated victims of forced sexual exploitation. (ilo.org)
- Eighty percent of people trafficked across national borders are women and girls. Fifty percent are children. (U.S. Department of State, *Trafficking in Persons Report: 2007*)
- Trafficking involves more than 100,000 children yearly in the U.S. for commercial sex. (ECPAT-USA.org)
- Trafficking is among the largest and fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world, generating 32 billion dollars annually. (unodc.org)

## Recognize the Signs of Being Trafficked :

- Malnourishment, nervousness, signs of fatigue, bruises
- Young girl with older "boyfriend" (pimp, trafficker)
- Inappropriate, sexualized clothing
- Scarring, cigarette burns, new or unusual tattoos/branding
- If a minor: change in personality, studies, habits, friends
- Depression, fearfulness

## Human Trafficking in South Dakota

- The reality of trafficking in South Dakota is undeniable; victims are trafficked in cities and rural communities, at casinos, truck stops, and over the internet.
- Interstate 90 is know as the "Midwest Pipeline," a superhighway used to deliver trafficking victims to cities across the country. (Kristi Noem, *Weekly Column: When Modern Day Slavery Hits Home*)
- Sex trafficking is especially egregious during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, pheasant hunting season, and on Native American reservations—Native women and children are at higher risk than any other racial group. (SDPB Radio, "Sex Trafficking in SD: A University Perspective")

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*"How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: 'Where is your brother? (Gen.4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother or sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution ... Let us not look the other way.'" Pope Francis*

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO...

### **... to stop human trafficking?**

- Become informed: read, attend a trafficking presentation, visit trafficking websites.
- Report suspected sex trafficking; call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888.
- Become a member of HOPE (meeting location listed on back).
- Advocate: support legislation to prevent human trafficking in South Dakota.
- Pray for an end to human trafficking.