



NORTH CAROLINA  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
COMMISSION

# SEX TRAFFICKING

SEX TRAFFICKING AFFECTS  
NORTH CAROLINIANS EVERY YEAR

## What is sex trafficking?

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, OR in which person induced to perform such an act has not obtained 18 years of age.

## How are victims lured?

|         |           |        |
|---------|-----------|--------|
| Love    | Safety    | Travel |
| Money   | Education | Jobs   |
| Shelter | Belonging | Fame   |

## National Human Trafficking Hotline

Call: 1-888-373-7888

Text: BEFREE (233733)

[humantraffickinghotline.org](https://humantraffickinghotline.org)

24/7 - Confidential - Toll Free

## The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC)

The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission is housed in and staffed by the North Carolina Judicial Branch and is the legislatively mandated leader of anti-human trafficking efforts for the state per S.L. 2013-368. [htc.nccourts.gov](https://htc.nccourts.gov)

Sources: [polarisproject.org](https://polarisproject.org), [sharedhope.org](https://sharedhope.org)

## Know the signs of trafficking

## Make a difference

### Potential signs of sex trafficking

- Appears malnourished, abused, or has unexplained injuries
- May have multiple hotel room keys or cell phones
- Wears expensive clothing or accessories that were “gifts”
- Talks about making a lot of quick money but can’t explain how
- Has money but cannot spend it and/or has no personal bank account
- Cannot make or keep personal medical appointments, etc.
- Multiple or repeated sexually transmitted infections or pregnancies
- Does not know their medical history
- Accompanied by someone significantly older who seems to control the younger person’s interactions with others
- Tattooed with suspect’s name or symbol of \$, crowns, or “daddy”

### RECRUITMENT



Internet



Social Media



Malls



Shelters

Dating Apps

Jails

Neighborhoods

Sex trafficking exists within diverse sets of venues and businesses including illicit massage businesses, escort services, residential brothels, in public on city streets, in truck stops, adult entertainment, hostess clubs, hotels and motels, pornography, and elsewhere.