

How can YOU help STOP Trafficking?

- Do not buy young girls and boys for sex.
- Stop funding the trade for a demand for illegal and cheap labour.
- Report suspicious massage spas and licensed bars with rooms for rent in your neighbourhood.
- Help and rescue victims from being slaves.
- Be aware and educate your loved ones on ways to avoid being a victim.
- Stay in a monogamous relationship and avoid paying for sex.
- Ask the right questions and look for the signs if you feel that someone may be a victim.
- Look beneath the surface.
- Report suspected victims to the Counter Trafficking Unit.
- Discourage others from buying cheap labour.



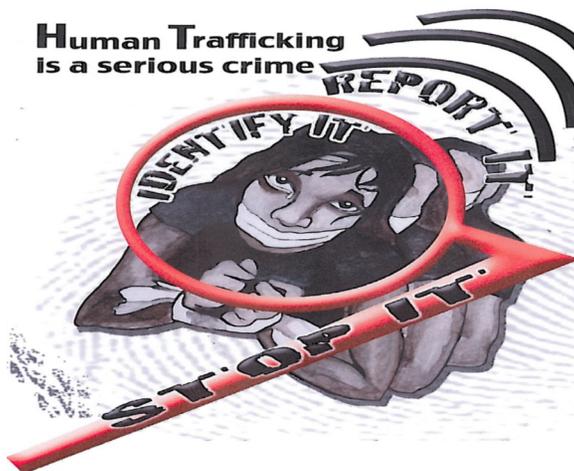
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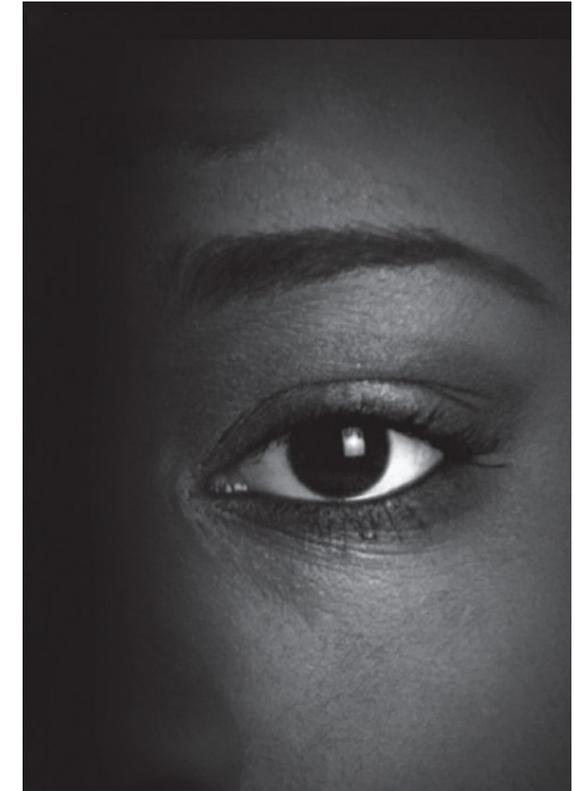
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IS A SERIOUS CRIME -
IDENTIFY IT, REPORT IT, STOP IT !

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What is Human Trafficking?

The Trinidad and Tobago Trafficking in Persons Act defines it as:

The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, the abuse of power, the abuse of a position of vulnerability or the giving or receiving of payment or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

Where and When does it happen?

- At home
- Brothels
- Private escort services
- Guest houses and hotels
- Licensed restaurants, bars and clubs
- Massage parlors offering “special” massages
- Meetings initiated via social media, classified ads, escort and massage parlor websites

Prostitution vs. Sex Work vs. Sex Trafficking

The elemental difference between sex trafficking, sex work and freelance prostitution is in who has the control and who is keeping the money.

If a person is being forced or coerced by a pimp to perform sex acts without monetary gain, that's trafficking.

What is Trafficking in Children?

This is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation, irrespective of the means used so long as the purpose is the exploitation of the child

Human Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking

Both are profitable businesses involving movement of humans by criminal networks. Smuggling is the illegal border crossing into a country and it ends when the smuggler is paid by the migrant for facilitating this illegal entry. It is a crime against the state. Trafficking goes further than entry and involves deceiving and forcing a person into an exploitative situation. Trafficking is a crime against the person's human rights. However, smuggling can become trafficking.

Is Human Trafficking a Crime?

YES, Human Trafficking is a Crime punishable by law under Act. No. 14 of 2011, also known as the Trafficking in Persons Act, 2011. The legislation is available on the parliament website at:

<http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/a2011-14.pdf>

Why Should I care?

Because **ANYONE** can be a **victim** a **perpetrator** or a **facilitator** – your neighbour, your relative, your friend, your classmate, your co-worker .

A Typical Trafficker

Traffickers use the false promise of an opportunity to lure victims to a place where they can be controlled and forced into dangerous, illegal or abusive work. It's not just about sex and money, but about power, control, exploitation and suffering. Traffickers are manipulators and they know how to sense the vulnerabilities of victims, especially those seeking love, attention and a better life.

Signs that a Person is a Victim:

- May not speak the local language
- Unable to leave premises freely or stays indoors all the time
- Works long hours
- Works in harsh conditions
- Passports and travel documents have been hidden or taken from them
- Afraid to speak to anyone
- Signs of physical assault, starvation, lack of sleep and medical care
- Promised a better life but then tricked into paying back a debt
- Does not control their own earnings from employer
- Claims to be married to a local but is not living with them
- Boyfriend brought them to T&T to live and work, then rented them to his friends for sex

