

[Human Trafficking- Isn't What You Think It Is \(75s\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

Land Acknowledgements

“I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi’kma’ki (MEEG-MA-GEE), the traditional territory of the Mi’kmaq people”

I would like to also acknowledge that African Nova Scotian’s have been here for over 400

Human Trafficking

Department of Justice -
Victim Services

What is Human Trafficking???

The recruitment, transportation, or harbouring of persons for purposes of exploitation, usually for sex trafficking, but can be labour trafficking as well.



Who is being trafficked??

**Youth (average entry is 13)
93% in Canada are Canadian born
Easily influenced
Low Self esteem**

No strong family and/or friend supports

Youth



[Victim of human trafficking shares her story on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons \(youtube.com\)](#)

Where are traffickers recruiting?

Online
Shopping malls
Schools
Group Homes/shelters
On the street



Online Safety

- Keep computers/phones in open spaces (living room, family room, etc)
 - Monitor time spent online
- Avoid giving out personal information
 - DO NOT send pictures or videos
 - DO NOT meet strangers in person

What are the signs someone is being trafficked?

Sudden interest in someone older

New clothing, jewelry, gifts

Sudden change in style

**Change in attitude towards school, regular activities,
family/friends**

Drop in grades

Missing school

Having/using TWO cell phones

New circle of friends

Frequent sleepovers

Unexplained cuts and/or bruises



What is Grooming??

- Process where predators work to gain the trust of the victim while doing their best to isolate them from family and friends.
- Made to believe they are in a relationship (boyfriend/girlfriend)
- Promises are made, such as they will be together forever
- Extravagant gifts are bought

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Grooming

- acts like a boyfriend
- promises love
- buys gifts

SEX TRAFFICKING: HOW IT HAPPENS

LURING

Establishing a connection, in person or online, with the intent of developing a relationship for the purpose of exploitation.



ISOLATION

Creating distance between the individual and their loved ones.



EXPLOITATION

Ensuring ongoing participation in commercial sexual acts while taking away their earnings.

GROOMING

Identifying and fulfilling the needs and dreams of the individual, for example by showering them with gifts.



MANIPULATION & COERCION

Sending mixed messages, making claims like 'you owe me' or making threats to cause the individual to feel their only option is to participate in commercial sex acts.



Canadian
Human
Trafficking
Hotline



1.833.900.1010



canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca

Did you know???

NS has the HIGHEST per capita rate of
Human Trafficking in the country !!

Within 1km of us right now, someone is being
trafficked



Where to go for help!!

Local police or 911

Canadian HT Hotline 1-833-900-1010

**Trusted adult (family member, teacher, school
counsellor)**

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Victim Services 1-833-424-3307





STOP



HUMAN TRAFFICKING



NOVA SCOTIA HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT
TIP LINE: (902) 449-2425 EMERGENCY: **911**