

Series: What You Need to Know

Module 1: Definitions, Case Studies, and Laws for Labor Trafficking and Sex Trafficking



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Goals and Objectives

Objective 1: Summarize and define Human Trafficking



Objective 2: Explore the difference between sex and labor trafficking

Objective 3: Recognize the indicators of both sex and labor trafficking



Objective 4: Apply relevance of Human Trafficking to the state of New **Mexico**

Definition of Human Trafficking



According to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, Human Trafficking is defined as follows,

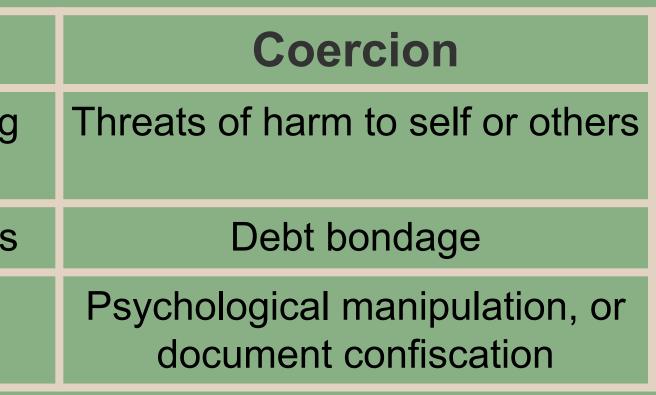
A) Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or

B) The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision,
obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting 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.

(22 U.S.C. § 7102(9)).

Examples of Force, Fraud, and Coercion

Force	Fraud
Physical Abuse or Assault	False promises of work/living conditions,
Sexual Abuse or Assault	Withholding promised wages
Confinement	Contract fraud



Labor Trafficking (LT)

"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." (22 USC § 7102).



Sex Trafficking (ST)

"The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion." SC § 7102)



Key Indicators That Might Be Present

Labor Trafficking

Workers exhibit signs of malnutrition and/or physical abuse

Workers live on or near the work premises

Excessive security around the facility

Self-contained camps

Security cameras

Large number of workers living in the same place, particularly in a space not normally suited as a living area Workers have no access to telephones Workers unable to leave the premises Prevented from accessing medical care Lack of access to personal documents such as passport, etc

Key Indicators That Might Be Present

Sex Trafficking

Any person under the age of 18 who engages in commercial sex acts, regardless of the use of force, fraud, or coercion, is a victim of human trafficking, even if they appear to consent to the commercial sex act.

Large amounts of cash

Large quantities of condoms

Multiple sexual partners at a young age

Frequents hotels, even when they live nearby

Inadequately dressed for the season and/or circumstances

"tricks," etc. for them

- Use of terminology such as: "the life," "daddy," "tricks," etc.
- Shows signs of physical abuse and/or neglect
- Shows signs of tattoo/branding that matches their trafficker and/or others in a group
- Constantly running away from home
- Has significantly older boyfriend
- Has expensive possessions with no means of paying for them
- Never left alone and has restricted movement

Human Trafficking Statistics from New Mexico

National Human Trafficking Hotline (references to New <u>Mexico) 2020</u>

367 contacts

51 human trafficking

cases reported

Children Youth and **Families Department** 2021

261 Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children investigations

3 Main Service Providers 2021

Provided services to approximately 273 victims

Internet Crimes Against Children 2020

Received 2200 child enticement tips

New Mexico's Human Trafficking Background



- In 2008, our state legislature enacted the <u>New Mexico's</u> anti-human trafficking law, which makes it a crime to traffic in persons in New Mexico.
- In 2019 the NM legislature passed its first Safe Harbour law in which states "E. whose [minor] is: (1) alleged to be engaged in an act that would be designated as prostitution if committed by an adult; or (2) a victim of human trafficking as defined in Section 30-52-1 NMSA 1978" (<u>Chasey, G.; Trujillo, C. 2019,</u> <u>HB0056).</u>
- NM Police Academy requires all cadets to attend 2 hours of training on HT.
- Additional training is offered to LE by the NMAG, NMDC, etc.

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