

Look Beneath the Surface

Recognizing
Human Trafficking
in our world





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What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking is compelling or coercing another person's labor or services (including commercial sex acts). The coercion can be subtle or overt; physical or psychological.

Coercion Means

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- (a) the use or threat of force against, abduction of, serious harm to, or physical restraint of a person;
 - (b) the use of a plan, pattern, or statement with intent to cause a person to believe that failure to perform an act will result in the use of force against, abduction of, serious harm to, or physical restraint of a person;
 - (c) the abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process;
 - (d) controlling or threatening to control a person's access to any substance defined as a dangerous drug pursuant to Title 50, chapter 32, parts 1 and 2;
 - (e) the actual or threatened destruction or taking of a person's identification document or other property;
 - (f) the use of debt bondage;
 - (g) the use of a person's physical or mental impairment when the impairment has a substantial adverse effect on the person's cognitive or volitional function; or
 - (h) the commission of civil or criminal fraud.



Montana Laws

Patronizing Prostitute 45-5-601:

- 1st offense- Up to 5 yrs. and \$5k fine
- Subsequent Offense(s)- Up to 10 yrs. and a \$10k fine
- If the person Patronized was under the age of 18-100 yr sentence mandatory minimum of 25 yrs.

Sex Trafficking 45-5-702:

- 2 to 20 yrs. and a maximum \$50k fine.

Labor Trafficking 45-5-703:

- 15 yr. max sentence and a maximum \$50k fine.



Montana Laws

Patronizing a Victim of Sex Trafficking 45-5-705

- 1st Offense- 15 yr max and a \$50k fine max
- 2nd Offense- 2-15 yr max and a \$50k fine max.
- If the person Patronized was under the age of 18- 100 yr sentence mandatory minimum of 25 yrs.

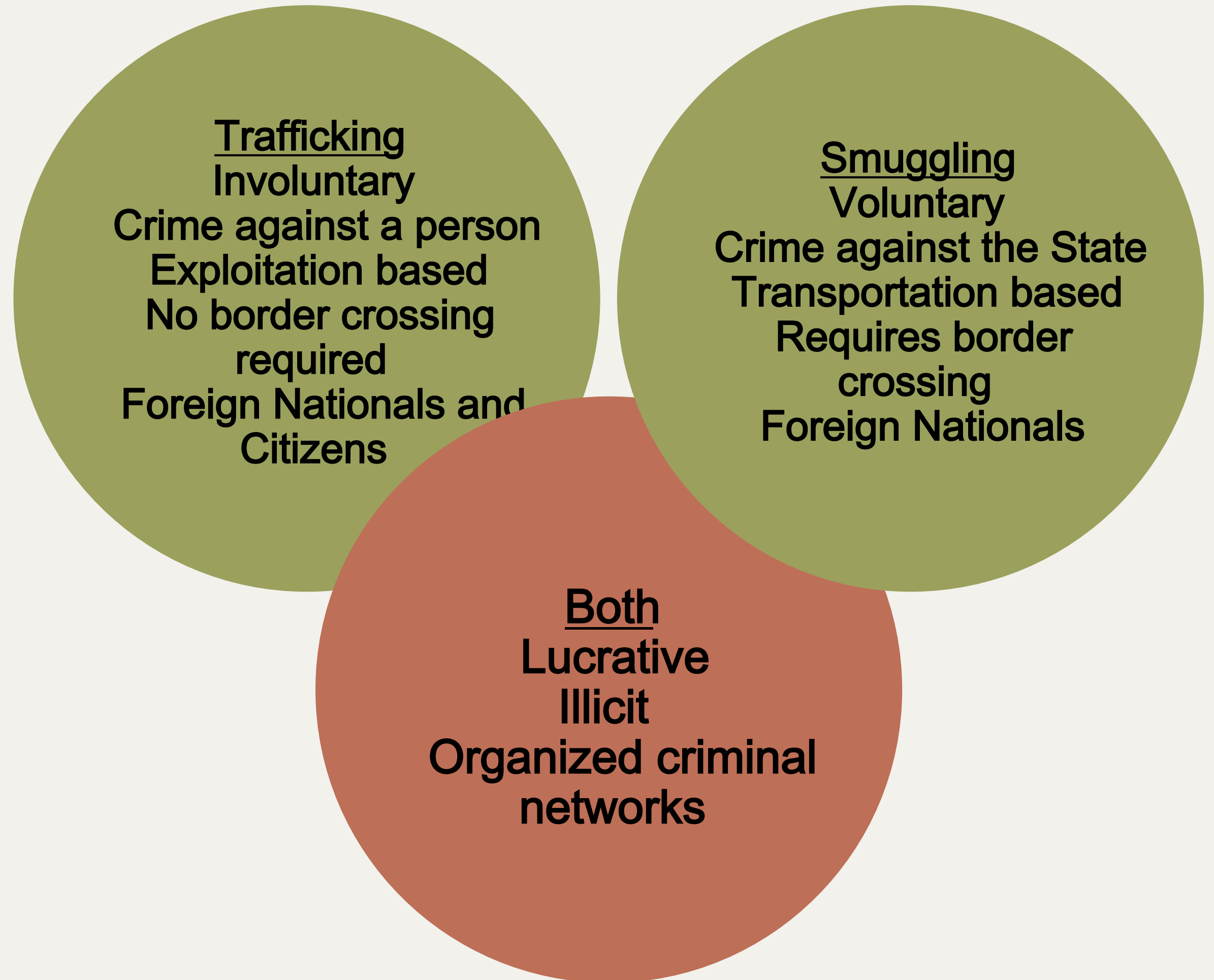
Aggravated Sex Trafficking 45-5-706:

- 5-40 yrs. Max and a \$50k fine max

Child Sex Trafficking

- 100 yr. sentence, mandatory minimum of 25 yrs.

Trafficking vs. Smuggling



Polaris analyzed more than 32,000 cases of human trafficking documented between December 2007 and December 2016 through its operation of the National Human Trafficking Hotline — one of the largest data set on human trafficking in the United States ever compiled and publicly analyzed.

Polaris's research team analyzed the data and developed a classification system that identifies 25 types of human trafficking in the United States.

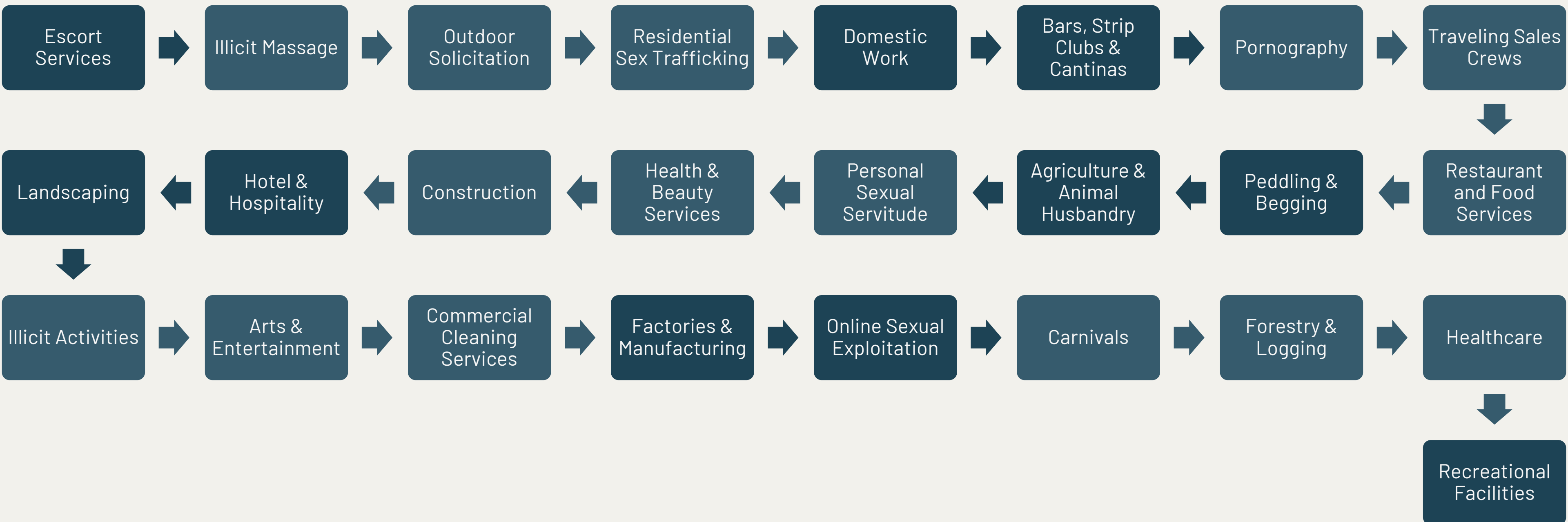
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A wide-angle photograph of the Milky Way galaxy, showing a dense band of stars and interstellar dust against a dark blue night sky. The galaxy's core is visible as a bright, hazy region in the center.

Polaris

**Freedom
happens
now.**

The Face of Human Trafficking





-International Labor Organization

Over 50 million victims of Human Trafficking globally and 81% are trapped in forced labor.

Estimated that 5.5 million are children



Currently over 1M victims of human trafficking in the United States.

-Global Slavery Index 2023 Report



Why is it growing?



Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal business in the world, according to the State Department. It ranks only second to drug trafficking in profitability, bringing in an estimated \$236 billion annually.

-DHS.gov

**Annual average
profit of 171
billion.**



Endless Profit Margin

Humans can be sold over and over again
while a drug can only be sold once.

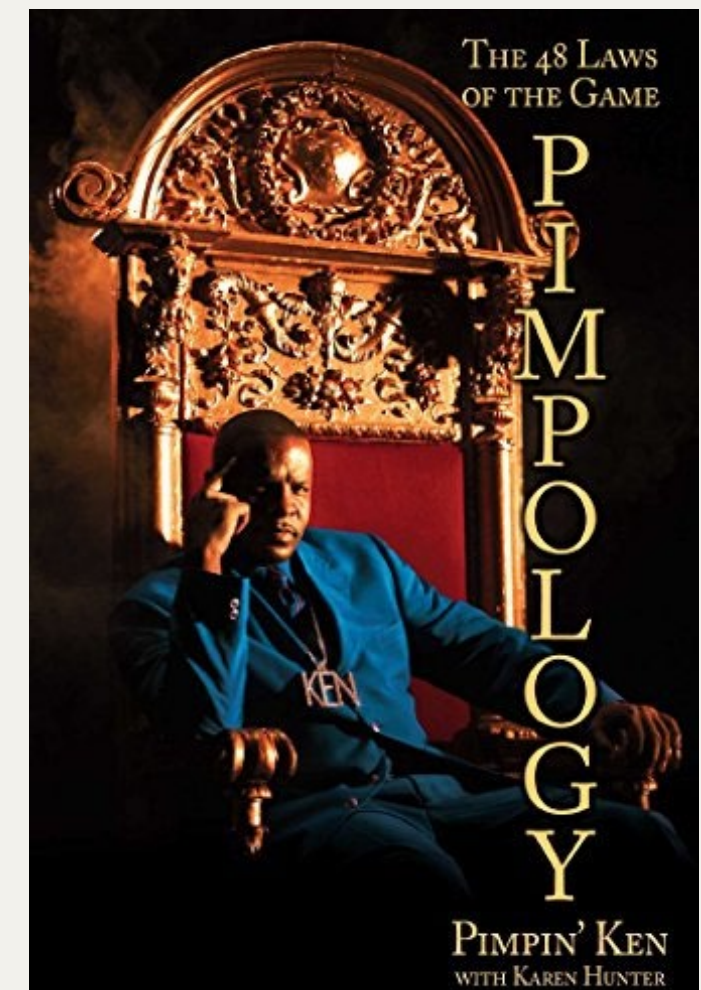
Average price for time with a victim is
\$90.00 (USC) Average price for a gram of
meth in Montana is \$70.00 (USC)




Sex trafficking: Why is it expanding?

Society has normalized commercial sex (victimless crime) and glamorized pimping.

Pornography is available in almost every household in America.



The majority of those trafficked are young adults between ages 14 and 24



Almost all have experienced either sexual exploitation, violence, or forced drug use, during their time being enslaved .

Fastest Growing Business

Trends of Cases



Travelers



Locals



Massage
Parlors



Labor



"Traphouse"
Trafficking

How did they get where they are?

Internationally it is due to migrating in search for better conditions: poverty, oppression, lack of human rights, lack of social or economic opportunity, dangers from conflict or instability.



Causes locally

Much of the same...

Poverty

Social discrimination

Organized crime

Drug addiction

Lack of parenting / dysfunctional homes

Lack of education

Commercial Sex Trafficking Stats

3 in 4 adult prostitutes were introduced into the sex trade as minors.

1 in 3 minors living on the streets will have an attempt to be lured in within 48 hrs.

Average age of minors involved in prostitution in U.S. =14 years of age

Pimps can profit in excess of \$100,000 per year with 1 victim. Average pimp controls 3 victims at a time.

Factors in Recruitment

Target vulnerable victims: runaways, homeless, abusive home life, substance abusers, mental disabilities, poverty.



Provides basic needs: attention, flattery, money, drugs, alcohol, then facilitates sexual “tryouts”.



Convinces victim of their love then exploits their insecurities.



Praise’s victims “sexual maturity”.



Supplies drugs, housing, or clothing, then demands payback

Where does recruitment happen?



Within
families



Malls



House
parties



Schools



Social events



Social Media



Churches

Who is most vulnerable?

Children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems

Runaway and homeless youth

American Indians and Alaska Natives

Migrant laborers

Foreign national domestic workers in diplomatic households

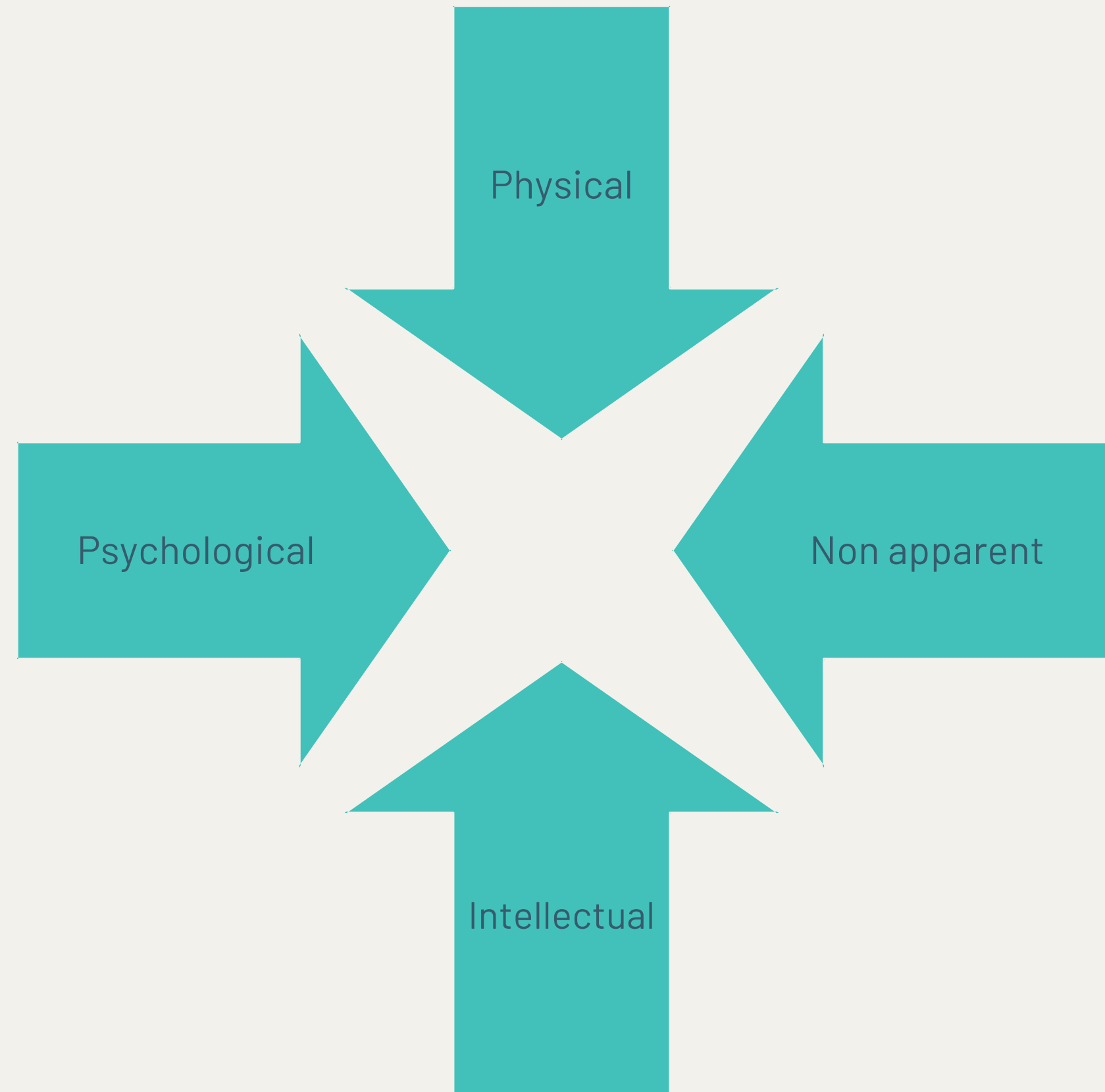
Persons with limited English proficiency

Persons with disabilities

LGBTI individuals

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

Persons with disabilities make up 16% of the world's population or 1.3 billions people.- World Health Organization
Encompasses every age, race, sex, economic status, and nationality



Based on a 2022 report, of the nearly 25,000+ runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, one in six were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

NCMEC

According to the FBI in 2022 there were 359,094 NCIC entries for missing children.

01

Physical and emotional
abuse

02

Sexual assault

03

Confiscation of
identification and
money

04

Isolation from friends
and family

05

Rename the victims

Caught in the Web...

All of this creates dependency...

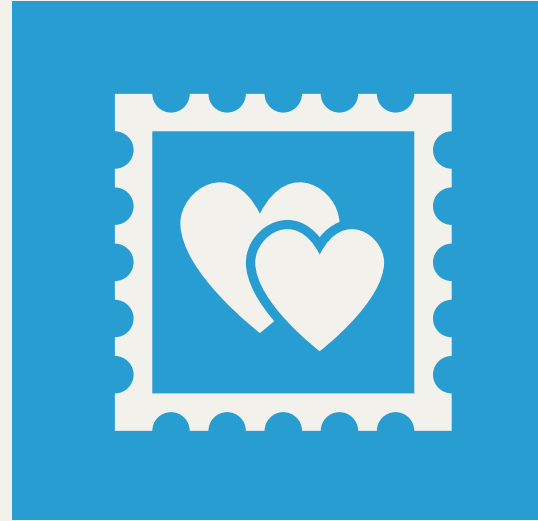
Types of Pimps

**Romeo
Pimp**

**Gorilla
Pimp**

**Hybrid
Pimp**

Romeo Pimp



Presents as caring individual



Makes promises of a better life /
romantic future



Control is through psychological
manipulation

Gorilla Pimp



Obtains victims
through abduction



Immediate rape
and physical abuse



Strict confinement
and isolation

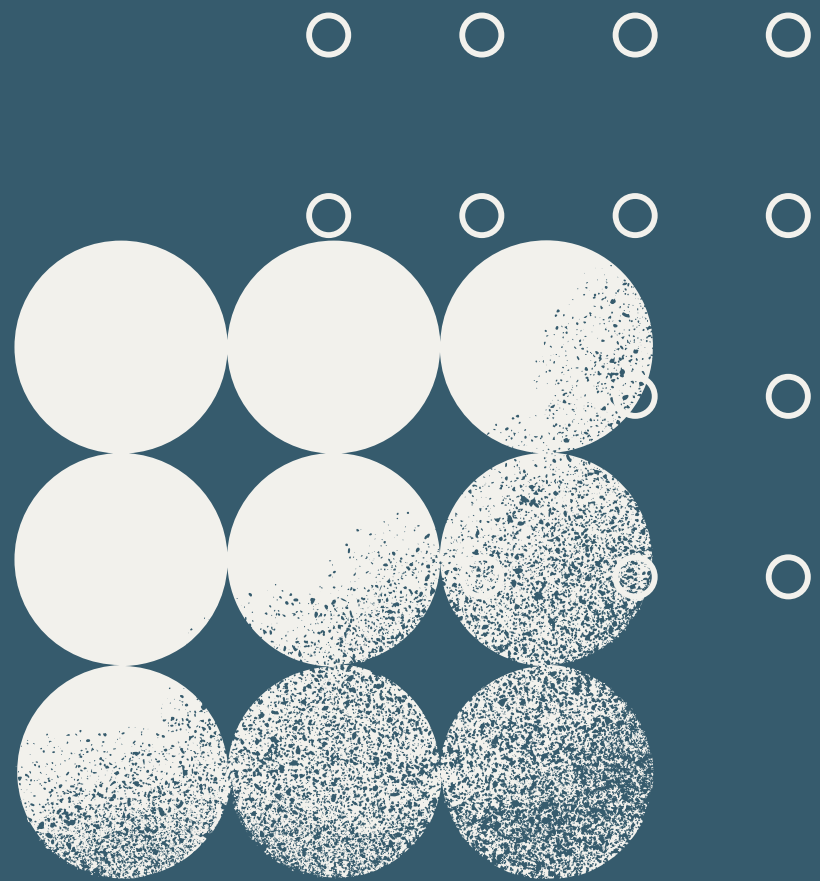


Limited access to
the outside world

Internet and trafficking

Websites are commonly used to place advertisements for escorts and trafficking victims

Sale Has Become Easy



→ The internet provides an extremely easy way to exploit both adults and children.

→ Allows for easier anonymity.

Types of Ads



Travelers



Locals



Massage Parlors



- Tinder
Onlyfans
- Facebook
Zoosk
- MeetMe
Tik Tok
- Snapchat
X (Twitter)

Billings-
19,226

Bozeman-
5,133

Missoula-
4,615

Great Falls-
2,931

Butte- 2,548

Helena-
2,274

Kalispell-
2,223

Montana Ad Statistics 2016-2017

In a world with Backpage



Government Shutdown

- Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (2018)
- SESTA: To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking.
- Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (2018)
- FOSTA: A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

Since Backpage

Tryst.link

Adultfriendfinder.com

Listcrawler.com

Escortalligator.com

Skipthegames.com

Onebackpage.com

Eroticmonkey.com

ETC...

Billings-
10,400

Bozeman-
6,900

Missoula-
8,100

Great Falls-
4,000

Butte- 3,900

Helena-
3,600

Kalispell-
3,600

Montana Ad Statistics 2018-2019

In a world Without Backpage

Misconception:

Days of "Street Walkers" are
all but gone...



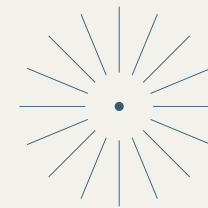


What to look for...

Branding



Other Indicators



Minor that is not related to a non-age-appropriate male or with an overly controlling “boyfriend” or another female

Traveler has someone speaking for him/her

Possession of large amounts of cash, pre-paid cards, money grams, or hotel key cards and receipts

Wearing clothes that do not fit the climate or the situation such as short shorts or skirts, tank tops, and no jacket in the middle of winter

Traveler is unable to provide details regarding their location of departure and/or flight information and/or destination

Possession of more than one cell phone

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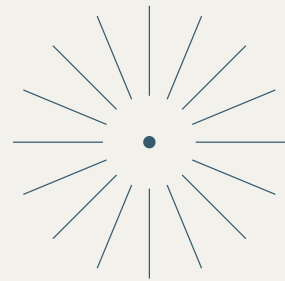
Young person that is very hesitant to engage in conversation. Eyes are always downcast, avoiding eye contact, especially with men.

Traveler is an adult and is not carrying their own identification documents

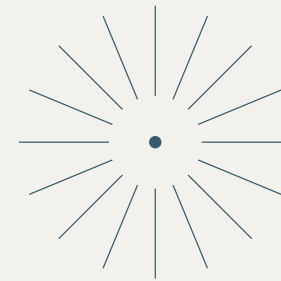
Traveler does not have any personal luggage

Individuals who wait at a table or bar and are picked up by a male (trafficker or customer)

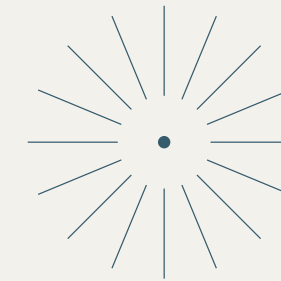
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Traveler shows signs of physical abuse



A group of people, or an individual, traveling for an unrealistic/vague/suspicious job offer



A person buying plane tickets with cash instead of credit or debit card; particularly take note if this individual is buying a large number of one-way tickets



Labor Trafficking

Two Main Types

- **Bonded Labor**

- Victims become bonded laborers when their labor is demanded as a means of repayment for a loan or service in which its terms and conditions have not been defined or in which the value of the victims' services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt.

- **Forced Labor**

- A situation in which victims are forced to work against their own will, under the threat of violence or some other form of punishment, their freedom is restricted, and a degree of ownership is exerted.

Where does it occur?



Food Industry



Hospitality
Industry



Spas and Nail
Salons



Agriculture
Industry



Construction
Industry

Foreign nationals hired
for employment.

Workers living on site.

Workers rarely seen
off-site.

Overcrowded living
spaces.

Inhumane living
spaces.

Excessive payment for
room, transportation,
equipment etc.

Low pay received and
often garnished.

Indicators

What is Continued Presence?

A temporary immigration designation for noncitizen victims of human trafficking cooperating with law enforcement who may also be potential witnesses.



DHS.GOV/CCHT

So, what are
we doing
locally?





Local Legislation added SB147 2019

- Changed definition of prostitution to include hand jobs not just intercourse.
- Added aggravating penalties for pimps.
- Added aggravating penalties if the patron knew or should have known that the victim was a trafficking victim.
- Added Sex Trafficking and Aggravated Pimping to the list of Crimes of Violence.
- Changed the definition of “consent” so that it can not be a defense if the offender knew or should have known that the victim was a trafficking victim.

House Bill 112 2023

Reformed current trafficking laws

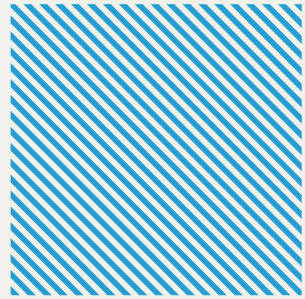


Added Child Sex Trafficking



Patronization of a prostitute became a felony on the 1st offense. Second state in the nation to do this, behind Texas.



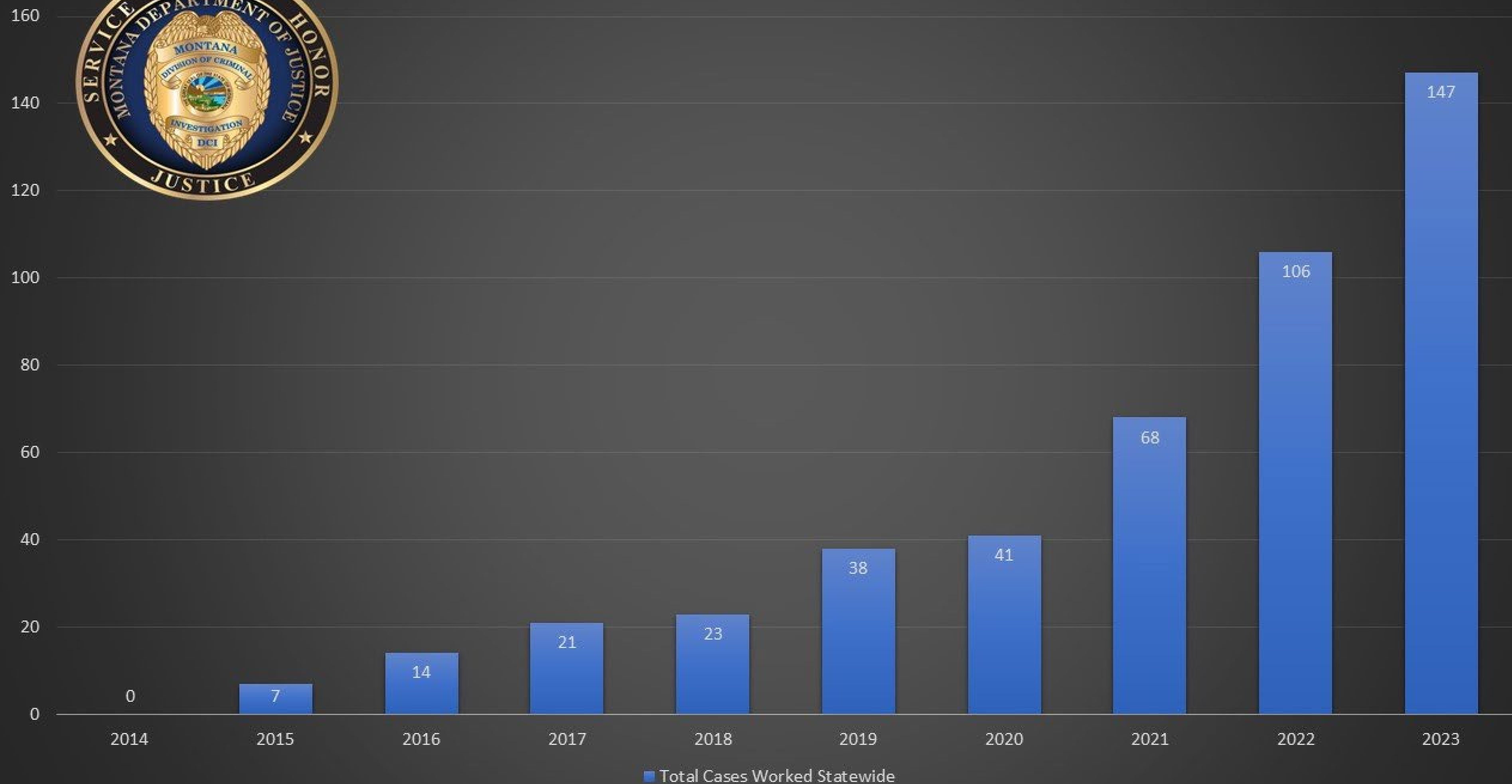


House Bill 2 2023

- Provided funding for an additional Human Trafficking Agent for DCI.
- Provided funding for a Victim Services Specialist for the DCI HT Unit.

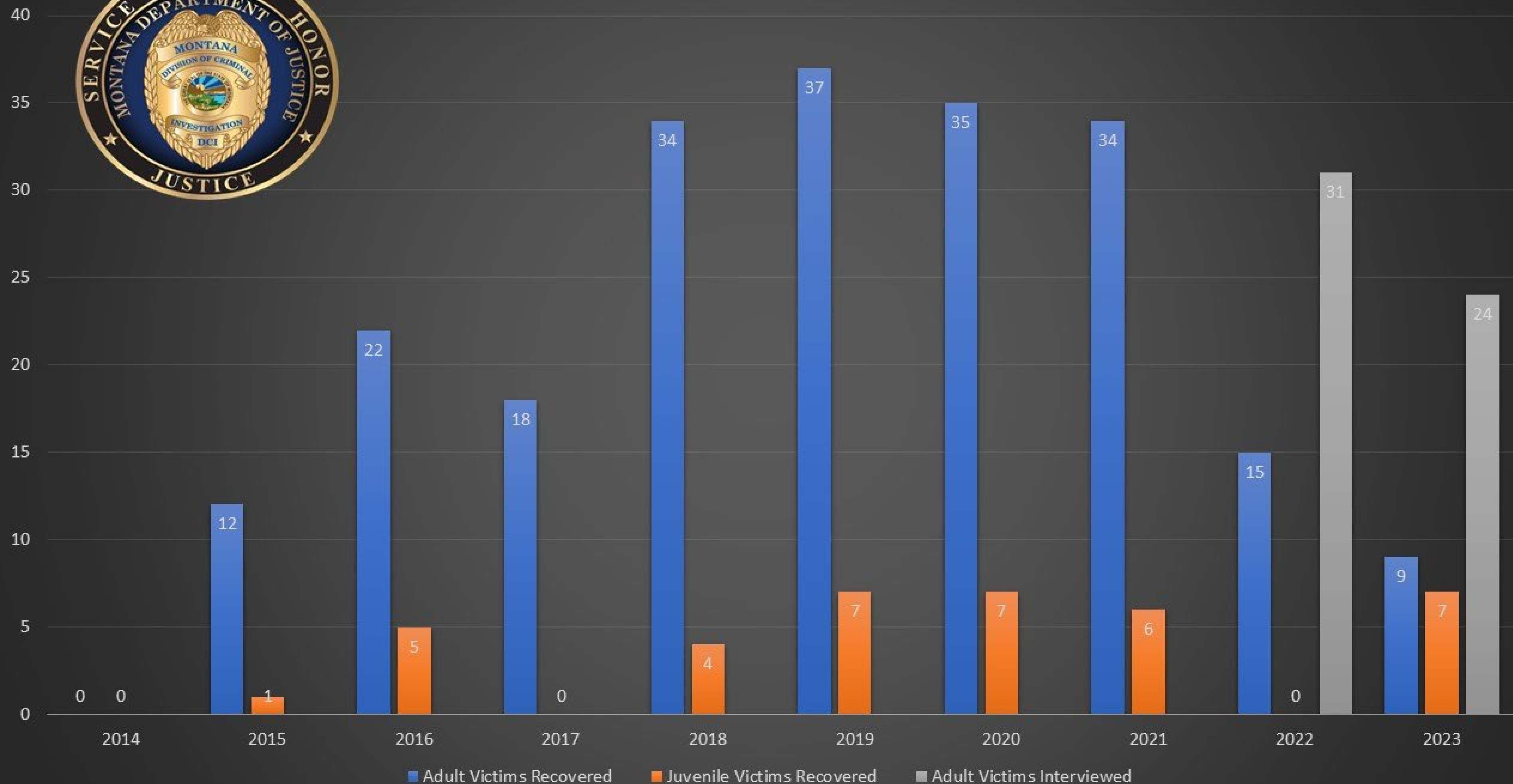


Montana Human Trafficking Cases





Montana Human Trafficking Victims Recovered



What can you do?

1

Be aware

2

Stay educated

3

Follow set
protocols created
by your employer

4

Remember
descriptive
details about the
potential victim
and the controller

What can you do?

5

If safely possible,
get individual
alone to discuss
situation

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Ask questions*

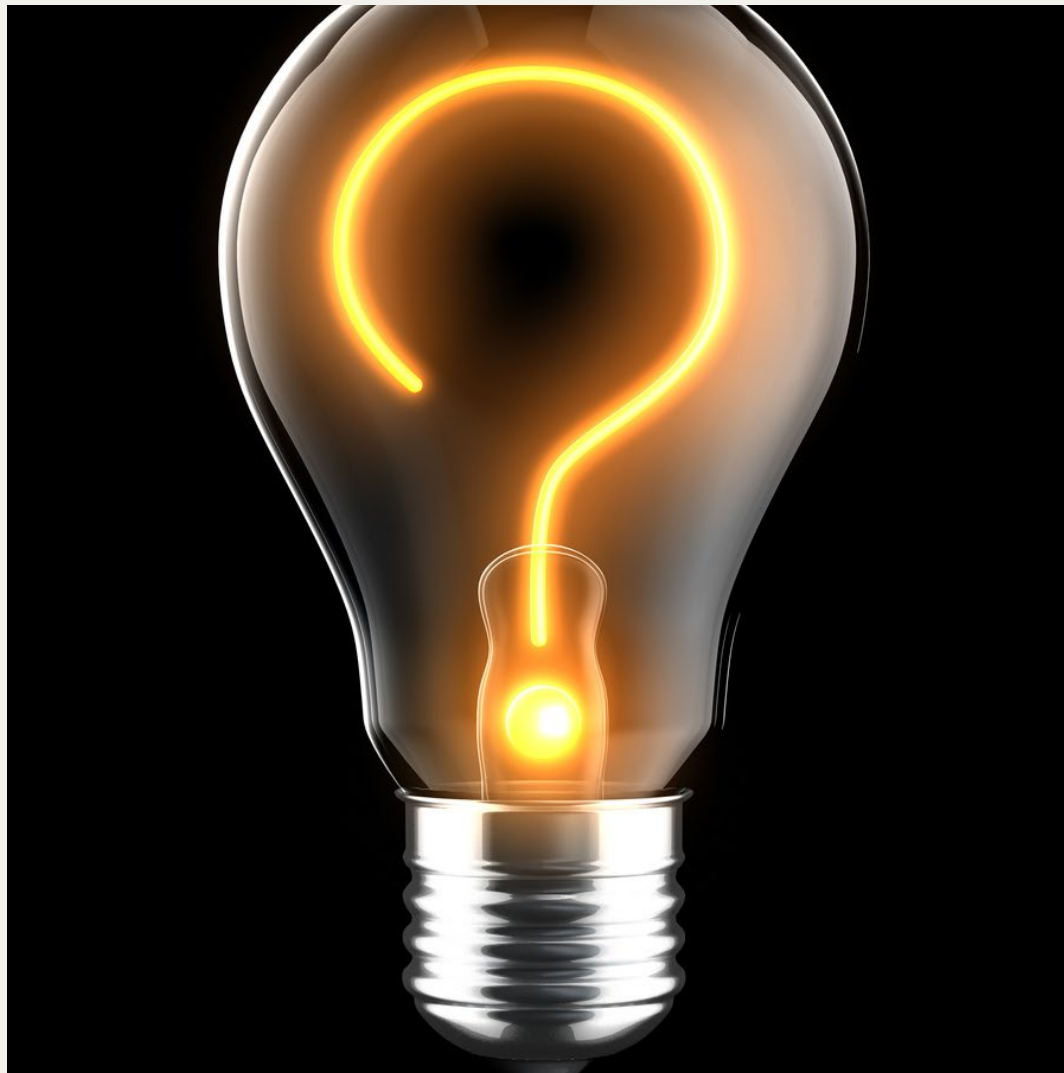
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Note the time
of the situation
and the flight
information

8

Report to Law
Enforcement

Questions to Consider



01 Who are you traveling with?

02 Where are you going?

03 What will you be doing there?

04 Have you been forced to do work you do not want to do?

05 Does anyone hold your identification documents for you?

06 Do you feel safe?



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