

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS AN INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC WEB OF CRIME AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF VICTIMS, YOUNG AND OLD, MALE AND FEMALE.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN DAY SLAVERY

MYTH: YOU HAVE TO BE AN IMMIGRANT TO BE TRAFFICKED.

FACT: Both foreign nationals and U.S. citizens are trafficked in and out of the country. Human trafficking does not discriminate based upon nationality or citizenship.

MYTH: TRAFFICKING VICTIMS KNOW THEY ARE BEING TRAFFICKED AND WILL ASK FOR HELP.

FACT: Many victims do not realize they are victims of a crime until years after the offense and often do not seek immediate help. Lack of trust, self-blame, and fear of retaliation from the traffickers are only a few of the factors that keep victims trapped in their situations.

MYTH: PHYSICAL RESTRAINT OR FORCE ARE NECESSARY TO QUALIFY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

FACT: Psychological elements of control such as threats, fraud, and emotional abuse are sufficient enough for a situation to be classified as human trafficking.

MYTH SEX TRAFFICKING IS THE ONLY FORM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

FACT: Both sex trafficking and labor trafficking are acknowledged by the federal definition of human trafficking and men, women, and children are susceptible to both forms of trafficking.

MYTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALWAYS COME FROM IMPOVERISHED SITUATIONS.

FACT: While poverty can be a factor in human trafficking because it increases vulnerability, it is not the only indicator that a person can, will, or has been trafficked. Trafficked individuals can come from any income level.

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