

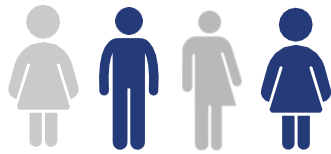
# MYTHS vs REALITIES

## Human Trafficking in North Carolina

MYTH: Only females are victims & survivors of trafficking

REALITY:

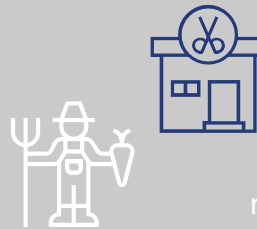
Trafficking happens to ALL genders



MYTH: Human trafficking always involves

REALITY:

commercial sex



Sex & labor trafficking also occur in **LEGAL BUSINESSES** such as agriculture, hotels, salons, retail, restaurants, & private homes.

MYTH: Trafficking always includes violence

REALITY:

Most traffickers actually use various means such as tricking, defrauding, manipulating, or threatening victims.



Many are lured through love, protection and money.



MYTH: Only undocumented foreign nationals get trafficked in the U.S.

REALITY:

Persons are trafficked regardless of their citizenship status and trafficking does not require the crossing of a border.



MYTH: Traffickers target victims they don't know

REALITY:

Victims are more often trafficked by people they know, who may be a partner, a spouse, or family members.



MYTH: All commercial sex is human trafficking

REALITY:

All commercial sex involving a minor, and commercial sex involving an adult through the use of force, fraud, or coercion is human trafficking.



## National Human Trafficking Hotline

Call: 1-888-3737-888

Text: BEFREE (233733)

[humantraffickinghotline.org](http://humantraffickinghotline.org)

24/7 Toll Free - Confidential



# NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

## WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING ?

### SEX TRAFFICKING

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, OR in which person induced to perform such an act has not obtained 18 years of age.

### LABOR TRAFFICKING

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.

### ACTION

Recruiting

Harboring

Transporting

Providing

Obtaining

Patronizing, soliciting, and advertising\*

\*Sex trafficking only

### MEANS\*\*

Force

Fraud

Coercion

\*\*Minors induced into commercial sex are human trafficking victims, regardless if force, fraud, or coercion is present.

### PURPOSE

Commercial sexual exploitation

OR

Forced labor

BY

FOR

## The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC)

The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission is housed in and staffed by the North Carolina Judicial Branch and is the legislatively mandated leader of anti-human trafficking efforts for the state per S.L. 2013-368.

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