

BUYING SEX IS NOT A SPORT

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS ILLEGAL AND IS A CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS

recruiting, transporting, transferring, receiving, holding, concealing, harbouring, or exercising control over a person for the purpose of exploiting them. Sex Trafficking (forced prostitution) is the most common form of human trafficking. Labour Trafficking (forced labour) is another form; both involve the exploitation of people.¹

Vulnerable children, youth or adults can be trafficked internationally (from one country to another country) or domestically (from one province to another province). Human trafficking can also include movement from one region of the province to another region, or without any movement — such as within the same city.²

Human trafficking is a hidden crime. Victims may not see themselves as victims, and may not come forward to law enforcement because of fear of retaliation from traffickers by way of threats to themselves and/or to their families; mistrust of police; lack of awareness of legal rights; feelings of embarrassment and humiliation; drug addiction; and financial debt to traffickers.³



Human trafficking during major sporting events is often difficult to determine — largely due to the hidden nature of the crime. Some research has shown the potential for an increase in human trafficking during large sporting events — including football, baseball, basketball and hockey playoffs and series.⁴

Large scale sporting events can often be places where prostitution and sex trafficking flourish due to the anonymity of buyers away from their homes. Traffickers might see major sporting events, with hundreds of thousands of people, as an opportunity for huge profits.⁵

WARNING SIGNS YOU MAY BE IN CONTACT WITH A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

- Person may be accompanied everywhere by someone who speaks for her/him
- Person may not speak English, may originate from a foreign country
- Person may be travelling with minimal or inappropriate luggage/belongings
- Person may not have control of her/his own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Person presents as fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Person may appear to be unaware of local surroundings even though they have been in the area for an extended period of time
- Person may have unexplained bruises or cuts or other signs of physical abuse
- Person shows signs of malnourishment
- Person insists on paying only cash for everything
- Person appears to be working under unreasonable conditions
- Person may show signs of branding, scarring or tattooing of ownership by trafficker

FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE

CALL MANITOBA'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE:

1.844.333.2211

24-hour confidential support and information

IF YOU ARE IN DANGER, OR SUSPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING,

CALL POLICE:

911

TRAFFICKED PERSONS — ESPECIALLY CHILDREN — lack freedom of movement and freedom of communication. In Manitoba, if you believe you have come across a child victim of human trafficking, it is your legal responsibility and duty report a child in need of protection.

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WARNING SIGNS: HOTELS/MOTELS

- Person pays cash for the duration of their stay
- Only one person comes to check out the room, but there is another person(s) using the room
- Constant foot traffic to the room in 30-to-60 minute stays at all times of the day
- One person stays in the room while the other is seen coming-and-going after a visitor to the room arrives/leaves
- The guest asks to switch rooms frequently during their stay
- The guest uses or asks for a room farthest away from the lobby and near an exit

WARNING SIGNS: GREYHOUND TRANSPORTATION

- Person meets the passenger directly after arriving at destination and controls their movement
- Passenger has signs of physical abuse, malnutrition, appears fearful and won't speak
- Passenger has no identification documentation (ID or passport), and someone else has purchased the bus ticket for them
- Bus ticket is paid for in cash only
- Passenger makes frequent, monthly trips in between cities

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WARNING SIGNS: TAXI CABS

- Passenger may ask to take them to known areas where women and girls are sexually exploited
- One passenger may prevent the other (potential victim) from speaking
- There may be constant requests for drivers to drop-off and pick-up passengers at the same location frequently throughout the day or week, such as a private residence or hotel
- Passenger may not be directed where to go by someone else, and may not be familiar with Canadian currency
- Driving passengers to known places where criminal activity is occurring and victims are being abused

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CHALLENGE THE DEMAND

Brought to you by the Manitoba Sporting Events Safety Working Group, in partnership with the Province of Manitoba's Human Trafficking Hotline initiative and Fall 2015 Human Trafficking public awareness-raising campaign.

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¹RCMP Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ht-tp/q-a-trafficking-traite-eng.htm#q1>

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

⁴Finkel, R., Finkel, M.L. The 'Dirty Downside' of Global Sporting Events: Focus on Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation. *Public Health*. January 2015. Vol. 129, Issue 1: [http://www.publichealthjrn.com/article/S0033-3506\(14\)00302-3/fulltext](http://www.publichealthjrn.com/article/S0033-3506(14)00302-3/fulltext)

⁵Ibid.

"WARNING SIGNS" sections of this fact sheet developed from Royal Canadian Mounted Police Human Trafficking packages and the Hamilton Police Services "Warning Signs Human Trafficking Fact Sheet."