

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

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What is human trafficking?

- Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.
- Trafficking of people has gone on for centuries, another reason it's called "modern-day slavery."
- Human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry globally. The International Labor Organization's (ILO) estimates that 40.3 million people were victimized worldwide through modern-day slavery in 2016. That's 5.4 victims per every 1,000 people. Of these 40.3 million victims in 2016, 29 million were women and girls.



What is force, fraud and coercion?



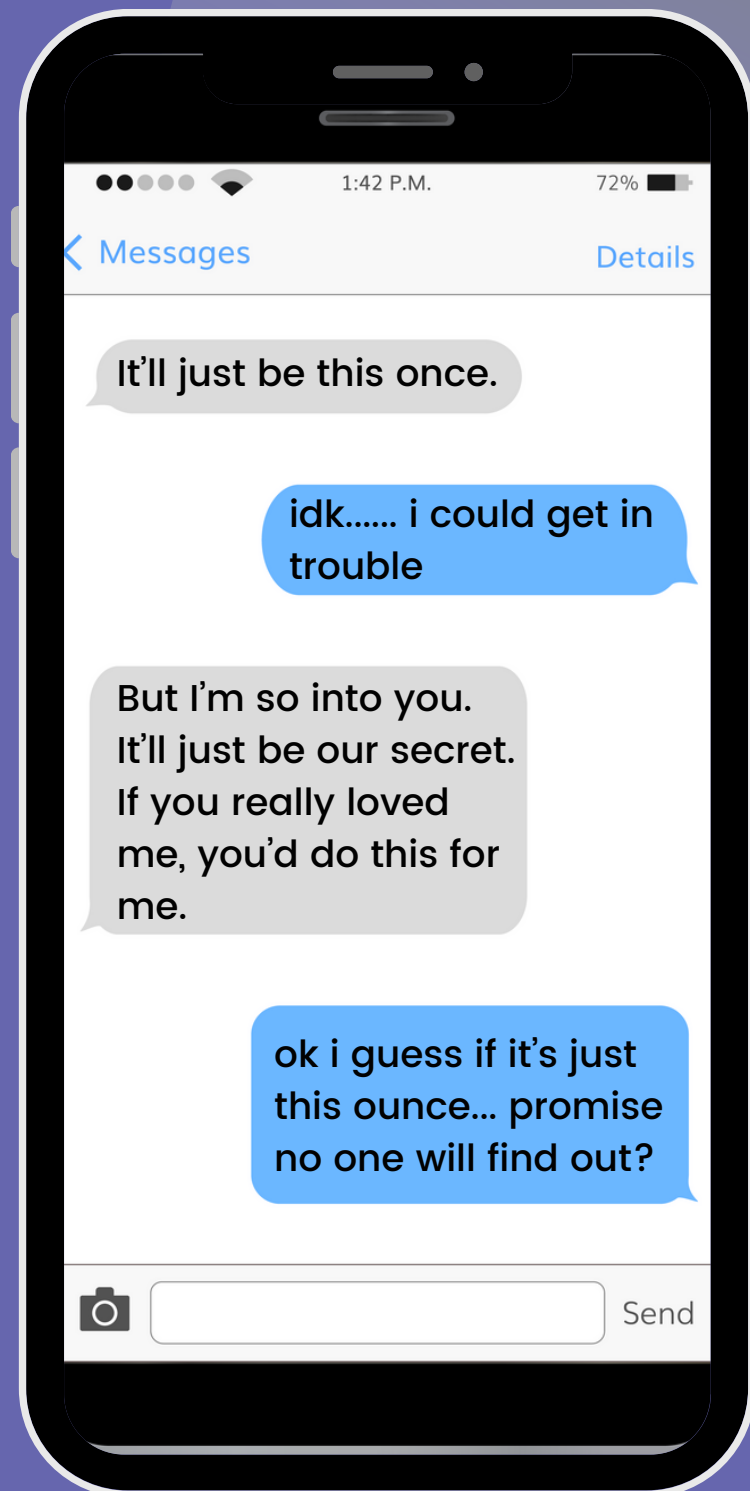
- Force, fraud, and coercion are the defined means of exploitation for human trafficking.
- Force: The use of physical power (example: beatings, physical restraint, rape).
- Fraud: The use of false promises (example: promising payment or citizenship for work).
- Coercion: Threats of harm (example: blackmail).
- These elements are NOT required if the victim is under 18.
- Intimate partners and family members are potential traffickers and tend to use force more than fraud or coercion



Fast Facts about Trafficking

- The average age of entry into the sex trade is 12 years old for females. It is believed to be younger in males.
- Child sex trafficking has been reported in all 50 states.

How do traffickers obtain a victim?



- Most people assume that the victim was stolen and/or “taken.”
- Most predators build relationships in the form of grooming.
- Grooming is when someone builds a relationship, trust, and emotional connection with someone, so they can manipulate, exploit, and abuse them.
- Grooming can happen to children and adults.
- 42% of trafficking victims were brought into trafficking by a member of their own family” (Source: Polaris)

The Signs of Trafficking: Part 1

- Not in control of their own ID or passport.
- Not allowed or able to speak for themselves, refuse to make eye contact.
- Little personal property/wears the same clothes over and over again or carries belongings in a trash bag.
- Paid mostly in cash, not in control of their money/no financial records or bank account.





The Signs of Trafficking: Part 2

- Recruited with false promises concerning the nature and conditions of their work.
- Unpaid or paid very little by cash tips off the record.
- Has a pimp, manager, or someone who will not leave their side.
- Not free to leave or come and go as they wish.

The Signs of Trafficking: Part 3

- Works long and/or unusual hours.
- Has a large debt that cannot be paid off.
- Is under the age of 18 and performing sex acts in exchange for anything of value.
- Exchanges commercial sex acts for needs like shelter, food, or other means of survival.



The Signs of Trafficking: Part 4

- Fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, nervous, or paranoid.
- Appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Overly attached to one person or has one person overly attached to them.
- Needs permission or direction to make simple decisions, such as going to the bathroom.





Stages of Grooming

1. Identify a victim
2. Gain trust and access
3. Become an important adult in victim's life
4. Isolate the victim
5. Form secrecy around the relationship
6. Sexualize the relationship
7. Control the relationship

APPROXIMATELY

79,000

MINORS AND YOUTH
ARE VICTIMS OF
SEX TRAFFICKING

IN TEXAS ★ ★

APPROXIMATELY

234,000

WORKERS ARE
VICTIMS OF
LABOR TRAFFICKING

THERE ARE CURRENTLY AN ESTIMATED

313,000

VICTIMS OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IN TEXAS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

TRAFFICKERS
EXPLOIT
APPROXIMATELY

\$600 MILLION

FROM VICTIMS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ IN TEXAS

MINOR AND YOUTH
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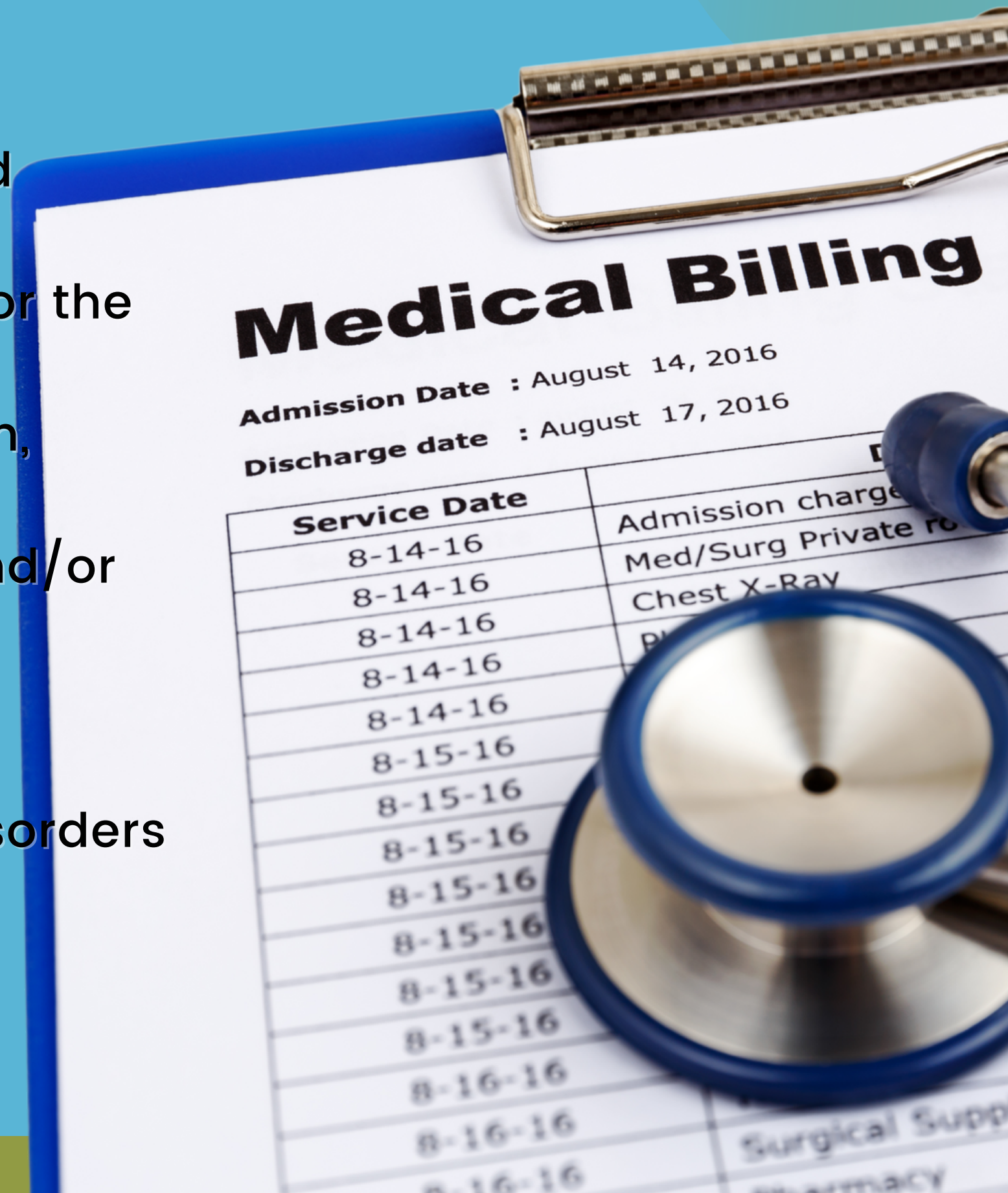
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In 2021, Texas became the first state in the country to make first offense of sex-buying a felony.

Medical Issues Trafficking Victims Face: Part 1

- Depression, hopelessness, feelings of sadness and unhappiness, sudden or inexplicable crying
- Loss of interest in things and/or inability to plan for the future
- Stress-related disorders, avoidance, disorientation, confusion, anxiety, phobias, and panic attacks
- Sleeplessness, sleep disturbances, nightmares, and/or insomnia
- Denial, memory loss, difficulty concentrating
- Anger, aggression, irritability, mood changes
- Changes in appetite or eating patterns, eating disorders
- Exhaustion and constant fatigue
- Isolating behavior
- Guilt, shame, and/or self-blame





Medical Issues Trafficking Victims Face: Part 2

- Fear of being alone, distrust and fear of strangers
- Recurrent or intrusive memories of abuse
- Feeling inferior to others, feeling permanently damaged, fear of rejection
- Sexual problems, including lack of sexual desire or oversexualized behaviors
- Obsessions and compulsions
- Hallucinations or delusions
- Somatization/psychosomatic symptoms
- Self-harm and suicidal ideation
- Trauma bonds and attachment issues, Stockholm Syndrome
- Numbness

How can Bank of America join the fight to end sexual violence?

A black and white photograph of two women in professional attire. The woman on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing glasses and a grey blazer. The woman on the right has long blonde hair and is wearing a white blazer over a dark top. They are both looking down at a document or laptop screen, appearing to be in a collaborative work environment.

The Jensen Project's mission is to fuel the fight against sexual violence.

Join the Fight to End Sexual Violence

- Be willing to contribute your valuable time, special skills, and unique abilities.
- Be receptive to developing a professional relationship with an individual who has undergone significant traumatic experiences.
- Offer financial education courses.
- Create bank accounts that are not accessible to parents/guardians.
- Provide employment opportunities to individuals who have been affected by human trafficking.
- Offer your assistance to an anti-trafficking organization this holiday season by contributing to their Christmas Wishlist through their dedicated Amazon list.
- Share the knowledge that you learned today with friends and family.
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline and local Law Enforcement, if you see someone you suspect is being trafficked.
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