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THINGS
TO KNOW ABOUT
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
IN
DURHAM



“WHAT IS DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING?”



Domestic Human Trafficking is forced or coerced sexual labor facilitated by a third party also known as a pimp. Girls are targeted and trafficked in Canada, for the profit of pimps.

“HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?”



Girls are coerced typically by someone they perceive as an intimate partner or friend. The pimp intentionally moves the girl through the stages of exploitation, for the purpose of trafficking her.

“WHO IS AT RISK?”



Approximately 72% of female trafficking victims are under 25—and can be as young as 12 years old. 93% of reported survivors identify as female.*

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“IS THIS REALLY A COMMON PROBLEM IN ONTARIO?”



Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in Canada. 66% of all human trafficking in Canada occurs in Ontario.*

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“SO, WHY DON’T PEOPLE JUST LEAVE?”



Pimps work hard to isolate and shame the girls they are trafficking so they don't feel like there is anyone they can turn to. Pimps also exercise power and control over girls to make them feel afraid for their safety if they try to leave. Girls can also develop a 'trauma bond' with their trafficker, where they feel connected to him, despite the abuse.

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1. EDUCATE YOURSELF



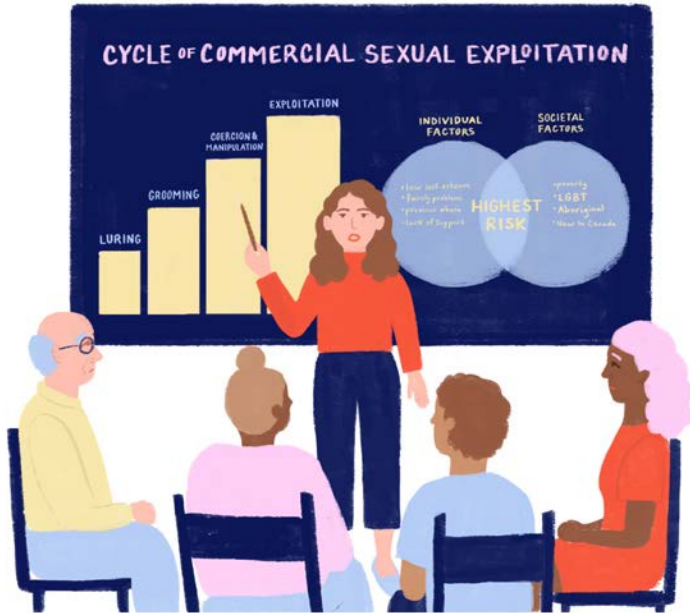
Challenge your assumptions. Work against the stigma by honoring the dignity and experience of human trafficking survivors.

2. BECOME AWARE OF LANGUAGE



Recognize how language can demean the dignity of others.
Refrain from labelling survivors of human trafficking.

3. SPREAD THE WORD



Book a Victim Services of Durham Region Human Trafficking Awareness Workshop for a group, workplace, or community to expand your perspective on Human Trafficking in Ontario.

4. PRACTICE ACTIVE CONSENT



Practice consent that is always given willingly, ongoing, active, and coherent

5. DONATE



Create a community fundraising or awareness campaign in your community to prevent human trafficking, and support survivors. If you would like support on how to do this please go to our website: www.victimservicesdurham.ca