

# What is Human Trafficking?

**Human traffickers utilize force, fraud, or coercion to exploit the labor, services, or commercial sex acts of their victims.**

## Different Forms of Human Trafficking:

### Sex Trafficking:

- Sex trafficking is the harboring, enticing, recruiting, or transporting of another individual through force, threat of force, fraud, or coercion with the intent of causing that individual to marry another person, engage in prostitution, or participate in sexual conduct.

### Labor Trafficking:

- Labor trafficking is the harboring, recruiting, providing, obtaining, or transporting an individual through force, threat of force, coercion, or fraud to engage the individual in labor or services.

### Forced Marriage:

- Forced marriage is the harboring, enticing, recruiting, or transporting of another individual through force, threat of force, coercion, or fraud with the intent of causing that individual to marry another person.

## Who Experiences Human Trafficking?

**Human Trafficking happens around the world and affects individuals across every socio-economic background, age-range, gender, and ethnicity. Within the United States, the top five risk factors for human trafficking are: recent migration/relocation, substance use, runaway/homeless youth, mental health concern, and involvement in the child welfare system.**

## Risk Factors:

- Youth with system involvement.
- Runaway, throwaway, and homeless youth.
- Individuals experiencing poverty &/or homelessness.
- Person or family history of abuse/neglect/substance abuse.
- Personal or family history of untreated mental health issues.
- Isolated/marginalized populations.
- Domestic workers and Sex Industry workers. Migrant/Seasonal workers/workers with temporary work visas.
- Recently resettled refugees/individuals recruited from camps.
- Undocumented workers and other unauthorized workers (e.g. visitor or student visa).
- Workers who work in hazardous/dangerous industries.
- Individuals whose families depend on their remittances to survive.
- Individuals from countries experiencing civil war or state-sanctioned violence.