

Human Trafficking IN ALBERTA

MYTHS vs.

REALITIES

MYTH: Victims of trafficking are always women and children.

REALITY:

ABOUT **1 in 4** victims are **MEN**



WOMEN & MINORS are not always victims – they **can also be traffickers** themselves.

MYTH: In Alberta, most – if not all – human trafficking

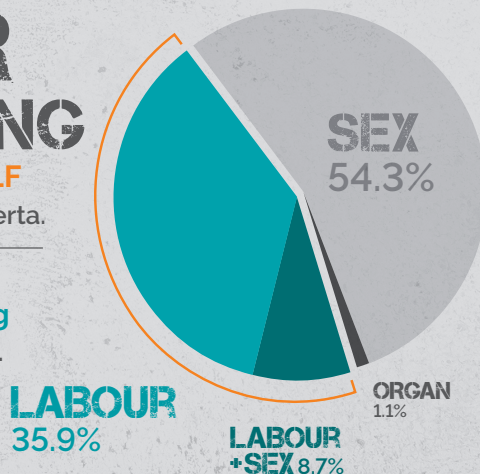
is for the purposes of sexual exploitation.

REALITY:

LABOUR TRAFFICKING

is present **IN NEARLY HALF** of the referrals to ACT Alberta.

In addition to sex and labour trafficking, **organ trafficking** has also been reported here.



MYTH: Human trafficking only happens in illegal, unregulated industries like prostitution and gangs.

REALITY:



IN ALBERTA trafficked persons have also been found in **LEGAL BUSINESSES** such as construction, agriculture, retail, hotels, restaurants, and nail salons, and in private homes as nannies and caregivers.

MYTH: Victims are kidnapped by strangers and kept enchained in locked rooms.

REALITY:

Trafficked persons usually

KNOW THEIR ABUSERS.

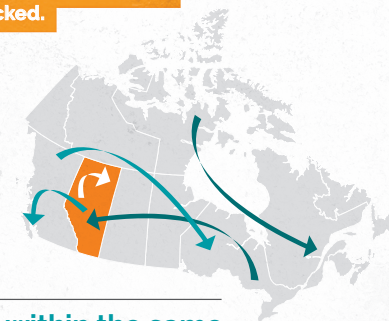


Victims often have **freedom of movement** and can be **CONTROLLED THROUGH FEAR + THREATS** rather than physical restrictions.

MYTH: Only foreigners who are illegally smuggled* into Canada can be considered trafficked.

REALITY:

Almost **HALF** of the **VICTIMS** ACT Alberta assists **ARE CANADIAN CITIZENS**



Someone can be trafficked **within the same COUNTRY, PROVINCE, or even CITY.**

* Smuggling and trafficking are two different crimes.

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Facts are reflective of ACT Alberta's data on victims of human trafficking.