

Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania

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Movie Time!



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Trafficking Victims Protection Act

- Act passed- 2000
- Reauthorizations- 2003, 2005, 2008, 2013

Force, Fraud or Coercion or the victim is a minor

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Trafficking vs. Smuggling?

- With smuggling the relationship ends and parties part ways.
- In trafficking a trafficker maintains control of victim via force, fraud, or coercion.

\$32 Billion

- The amount of money made from human trafficking each year is more than the combined revenue of Walmart, Chevron, General Motors, General Electric, and Bank of America in 2009.
- Walmart pulled in only about a tenth of what is generated from slavery. Human trafficking is massive, and not just in human terms; but in cold, hard cash.

Approximately 14,500-17,500 humans are trafficked into the US each year.

Approximately 100,000 – 300,000 US citizens, mostly minor girls, are trafficked within the US each year for commercial sexual exploitation.



Santa Clause



Child Prostitute



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Easter Bunny



“I was just a kid, you know. I didn’t know nothing really. Here was this nice guy like 25, and he was like an older brother or something. Then he started getting off on me, ok, so I was used to that. Then he started bringing his friends over, using them to try me out. So next thing I know, I’m working at his parties. I was too dumb to know he was making money off me.”

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90%



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4 or more times as a
A runaway in a 12
month period

=

80% probability that
the child/adolescent
has been trafficked
sexually



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Thrown-away Boys



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Generational factors



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The Role of Drugs



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Who are Traffickers?

- Parents and other family members
- Boyfriends/husbands
- Pimps
- Other women
- Smugglers
- Agencies- Adoption, employment
- Strangers
- Drug dealers
- Gang members (street/local/international)

Tactics



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Physical Indicators

- A minor
- Pimp involvement (even if boyfriend or husband)
- Tattoos/brands or scarring indicating ownership
- Injuries from beatings or weapons
- Signs of malnourishment
- Signs of torture (e.g., cigarette burns)
- Appears fearful or nervous or jovial or angry or...

Social Indicators

- Victims rarely come and go as they please. If they do there are rules they must follow
- Victims may be taken with parents/adults when they buy drugs
- Victims are often isolated from the community
- Victims who are minors may not be attending school
- Victims rarely are allowed to freely contact friends and family, including their children
- Victims may live where they work
- Victims may be driven to work and from work as a group

Methods to control victims of human trafficking

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional control-
Victims believe they have
no where else to go or
they owe the
trafficker/pimp for
“helping” them
- Black mail
- Starvation
- Isolation
- Psychological
control/abuses
- Document withholding
- Debt bondage
- Threats of deportation
- Threats against the
victim’s family
or friends
- Love

The Home



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The Demand for Sex Trafficking

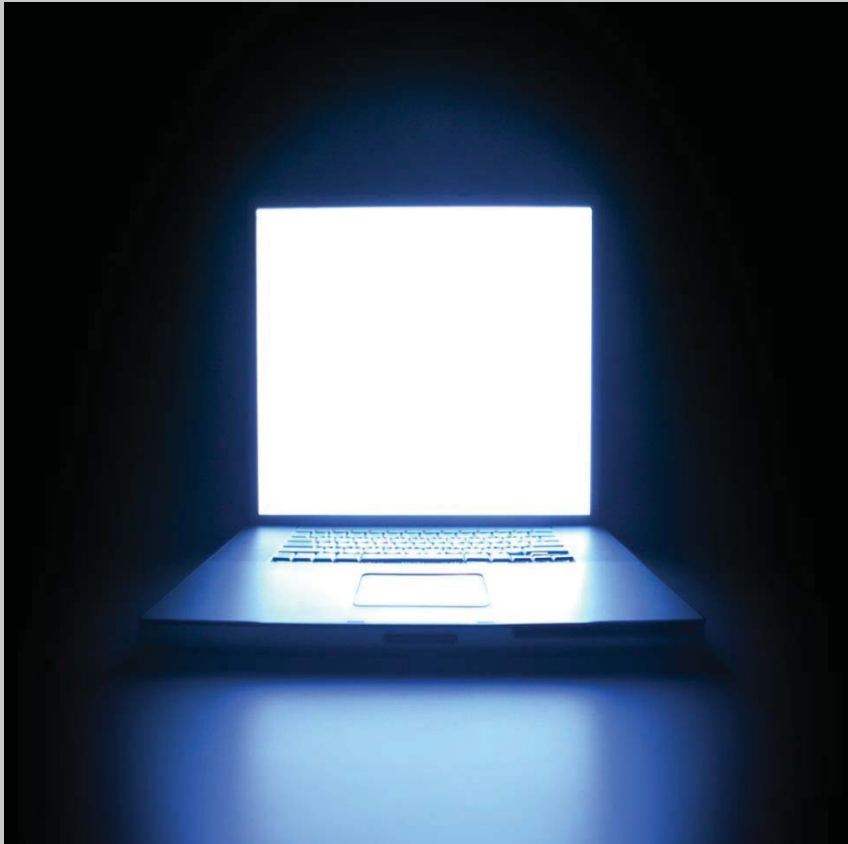


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- 54% of those interviewed had exchanged drugs for sex
- 19% had exchanged shelter for sex, other items of value exchanged included food, transportation, and clothes.
- 57% believed the majority of women in prostitution experienced some type of childhood sexual abuse
- 32% believed the majority of women in prostitution entered before the age of 18
- 20% stated they had bough sex from women who had been trafficked from other countries

Violence by Johns in Sex Trafficking

- Sexual Assault (93%)
- Rape (75%)
- Forced or coerced sex with self identified law enforcement (44%)
- Robbery (56%)
- Physical assault (82%)
- Threatened with weapons (83%)



Technology & Human Trafficking

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Recruitment

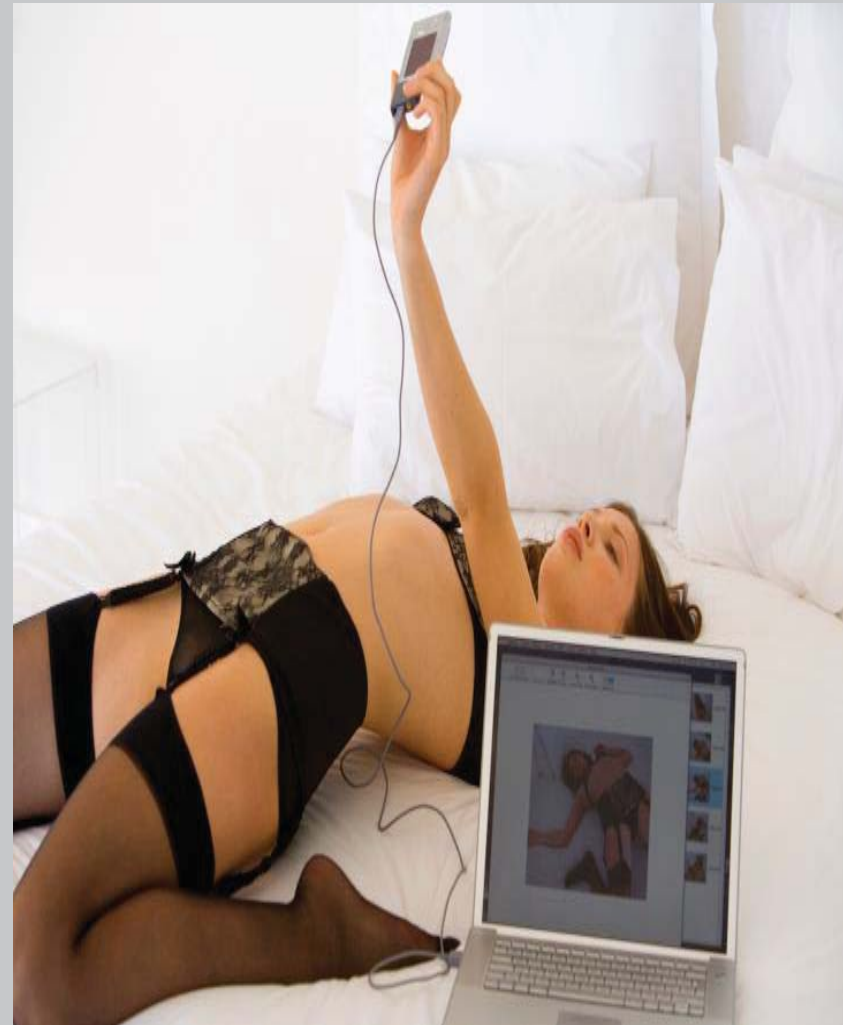
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Sales

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- www.backpage.com



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Backpage.com

The screenshot shows the Backpage.com website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Backpage.com logo on the left and "erie, pa free classifieds" on the right. Below the logo is a "Post an Ad" button. To the right of this is a search bar with the text "keyword" and a dropdown menu set to "buy/ sell/ trade". A "search" button is located to the right of the search bar. Below the search bar, there are several category buttons with their respective counts: "local places 2,149", "automotive 34,938", "jobs 368", "personals 841", "community 930", "musician 686", "rentals 600", and "buy/ sell/ trade 14,848". Each category button has a list of sub-categories below it. For example, "local places" includes "events", "bars/clubs", "restaurants", and "salons/nails/spas". The "buy/ sell/ trade" category includes "antiq.-collectibles", "appliances", "business", and "boat & motorcycle". On the right side of the page, there is a section for "To post an ad in multiple cities." with a dropdown menu set to "Pennsylvania" and a list of city links including "allentown.pa", "altoona.pa", "cumberland valley.pa", "erie.pa", "harrisburg.pa", "lancaster.pa", "meadville.pa", "philadelphia.pa", "pittsburgh.pa", "poconos.pa", "reading.pa", "scranton.pa", "state college.pa", "williamsport.pa", and "york.pa".

erie, pa free classifieds

Post an Ad

keyword

buy/ sell/ trade

search

español

local places 2,149

- events
- bars/clubs
- restaurants
- salons/nails/spas

community 930

- childcare
- classes/workshops
- general
- groups
- lost & found
- volunteers

buy/ sell/ trade 14,848

- antiq.-collectibles
- appliances
- business
- boat & motorcycle

automotive 34,938

- auto-truck-rv
- auto parts
- services

musician 686

- available/wanted
- equip/instruments
- instruction
- services
- plug the band

rentals 600

- roommates
- apt/condo/house
- commercial
- vacation
- miscellaneous
- rentals wanted

jobs 368

- acctg/finance
- admin/office
- computer/technical
- customer service
- domestic
- driver/delivery/courier
- education
- focus group/studies
- job wanted/resume
- mgmt/professional
- medical/health
- miscellaneous
- part-time jobs
- real estate
- rest/retail/hotel
- sales/mktg
- salon/spa
- show biz/audition

personals 841

- women >
- women
- women > men
- men > women
- men > men

adult

- escorts
- body rubs
- strippers & strip clubs
- dom & fetish
- ts
- male escorts
- phone & websites
- adult jobs

To post an ad in multiple cities.

Backpage sites:

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Post an Ad

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[Report Ad](#)

? ||| Get rewards for your hard days ||| ? - 22

Posted: Wednesday, April 4, 2012 2:23 PM

Reply: [click here](#)

I'm excited to introduce myself my name is America. I stand 5'9', 140lbs, 36c. I am a stunning model, and College Student. My exotic appearance combined with my charming intellect prove that beauty and intelligence can come in one exquisite package! A true companion takes their time to learn your likes, dislikes. I am sure to leave you with a ever lasting and memorable impression. Everyone Leaves with a Smile.. Returns Often.. & Tells Someone Else..

A*M*E*R*I*C*A 816-286-5121

Poster's age: 22



Dallas



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Missing Help Find Abigail Hernandez

Have you seen this girl?
Abigail Hernandez was last seen in North Conway, NH on Oct 9th. If you have seen her, please call 1-800-CALL-FBI

Learn more at www.bringabbyhome.com

Missing Help Find Abigail Hernandez
8,379 likes · 5,194 talking about this

Add A Category
Abigail Hernandez, age 15 (DOB: 10/12/1998), was last seen leaving Kennett High School in North Conway, New Hampshire on Wednesday, October 9th, 2013.

About – Suggest an Edit

Photos Likes 8,379 Map

Highlights

Post Photo / Video

Write something...

Invite Your Friends to Like This Page

Invite

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Missing Help Find Abigail Hernandez

Like This Page · October 22

Moe and Teddy are Abbys Dogs and Abby they are waiting for you to come home they among with all of us love you and are waiting for you to come home — with Abigail Hernandez.

Like · Comment · Share

187 people like this.

Top Comments ▾

23 shares



Jeanne Wetherby You are in the thoughts and prayers all over NH and beyond. This has touched people deeply. I hope they find you and bring you home soon, your loved ones miss you. Thinking of you and your family.

Like · Reply · 6 · October 23 at 5:42am via mobile · Edited



Felicia Baker Where are you Abby? I don't even know you or your family but you are in my thoughts multiple times daily please come home

Like · Reply · 0 · October 23 at 2:08am via mobile

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“You probably didn’t anticipate all the media attention that you are getting, and we understand that it can be overwhelming and a bit frightening. But please know that I promise that I will do my best to keep the media away from you, and no one will embarrass you. For whatever reason that may have caused you to run away you know deep in your heart that you can always come to me, as you have in the past and we can work it out. No matter what it is.”

Sales

- www.ratemyspa.com
- www.rubmaps.com
- www.exoticmp.com



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Massage Parlor Acronyms

- **TS:** Table Shower
- **AMP:** Asian Massage Parlor
- **BBBJ:** Bareback Blow Job (no condom)
- **CBJ:** Covered Blow Job (condom)
- **FBSM:** Full Body Sensual Massage
- **FS:** Full Service (vaginal intercourse to completion)
- **GFE:** Girlfriend Experience (not mechanical, very sensual)
- **HJ:** Handjob
- **HR:** Hand Release (stimulation of penis with fingers or hands until orgasm is reached)
- **MG:** Massage Girl
- **PS:** Private Show (dance only)

Massage Parlor Acronyms

- **PSE:** Porn Star Experience
- **HE:** Happy Ending
- **CG:** Cowgirl (sexual position)
- **RCG:** Reverse Cowgirl (sexual position)
- **DS:** Doggie Style (sexual position)
- **MISH:** missionary (sexual position)
- **69:** sexual position
- **DATY:** Dining at the Y (referring to males performing oral sex on females)

- [berryapple](#) wrote on 11/13 2011 :
maybe because you're not asian when i go i get everything i want... but for a price i bring my own bag
- [lace22](#) wrote on 11/14 2011 :
like what places on 8 ave? I always of these places but dont you have to be asian only? can a white dude get in?
- [kc5771](#) wrote on 11/14 2011 :
You would need an asian friend to help you get in.
- [Megaman8888](#) wrote on 11/15 2011 :
Berryapple how much would the price be if u bring your own bag? They let u fs for extra tip?
- [berryapple](#) wrote on 11/15 2011 :
megaman if you are asian and bring your own bag they do offer fs for a price it depends on you how much you willing to gave i gave the usual 140-160 depend on the session and how it went... i think i bumped also all of the big tops ones fake and real ones.... i usually pick the big ones some meat but not all meat...
- [berryapple](#) wrote on 11/15 2011 :
think of opening a joint myself .i can get the resource and place and stuffs but little short on capital and would need cust.
- [cary888usa](#) wrote on 11/16 2011 :
I thought about opening one up too,but I don't have the place, and resourses just funds.
- [CominAtYa](#) wrote on 11/17 2011 :
Sounds like a love connection to me....berryapple has the location and the assets req. to run the business.....cary888usa has the funds. i can be a customer lol
- [berryapple](#) wrote on 11/17 2011 :
yes i agree, couple of places in Brooklyn start small... not your average place a place to enjoy and always looking forward to go to... not just your one hour places but like one hour session
- [wilddre22](#) wrote on 11/18 2011 :
sounds like you just described rape...good job homey.

“So I start lifting her shirt then she moved her shirt over her tits, wtf? Then I start pulling the shirt higher, then she took the shirt off. Then wtf? She still had her pants on, so I start pulling them down, then she pulled them down to her ankles. Wtf?. It should be all off, fuk it i left it like that too much works I started to play with her kitty and putting my finger knuckle deep then she moved away and I pulled her back and she Sade my nails are sharp, which is bs. I trim them nice b4 I went cuz I know their excuses. Then I start sucking her tits and she moved away. She then put oil all over her tits and rub my Johnny on them. I,m not a fan of oil on the tits,, but I think she just don't like guys sucking on them. After a half hour pass she ask if all the other girls go through this.”

Silver Spa - Reading/Wyomissing Massage Parlor

Traveling north, along left side of Rt 222 next to Adult Video Store just south of Reading City. Asian Place. Been there numerous times. 60 to 70 for one hour to enter depending on which of two mamasans are on duty. **Girls appear to change frequently - never had same one twice** (but would have do so several times).

**Aries Spa: 3333 Hamilton Blvd
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104**

Phone Number: 610-841-7900

Hours of Operation: 9am-11pm

In a busy strip mall near Dorney Park. The outside door opens into a small "holding room" with a doorbell and camera. Rung the bell and was greeted by the mamasan.

Jeannette Massage Parlor

Good place, 60 for full hour sometimes there is a coupon in the Trib Review for \$10.00 Off. Go in mama san takes your fee and asks if you have been there before. Always say yes. I always say "young pretty girl" and get a good looking Korean or Malaysian...~~**Recommend this place, girls change all the time and only had one not so hot time.** All others where great~~. (Review # 3475)

**Blue Moon: 223 N. 13th St.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107**

Phone Number: 215-5641899

Hours of Operation: 10am-4am

Cool place plus they give out little cards, fifth visit is free. Nice table shower but shitty massage... I think she would have rather went right to business. I got some head, then I went down on her, then into missionary, from there we did doggy until I came. She was funny and cute... **the only bad thing is the place is right across the street from a police station,** but if you don't mind the fuzz, get some trim :D.
happy haunting.

Exteriors



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Possible signs of fronts for sex trafficking

- Hours of operation
- Girls living on premises
- Back entrances
- Privacy from other patrons
- Frequent change in girls
- Unable to understand English
- Girls do not leave premises
- Featured on hobbyist websites
- All male clientele
- Covered windows
- Unadvertised location
- Cameras and buzzers at front door
- Connection with Flushing, NY
- Advertisements mention ethnicity, new girls, or level of attractiveness of workers

Vicarious Trauma...



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Self-Coping



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Breathe...



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