

I'VE GOT A ▶ NAME

END SEX TRAFFICKING WHERE WE LIVE

SEX TRAFFICKING VOCABULARY

Understanding the terminology used in the commercial sex trade is an important step in becoming more aware. Some words or phrases may be familiar as they have been common for decades. However, we must be careful how we use them as to not label those who become victims. The following list scratches the surface...do your own research as well.

Trafficker

People who exploit others for profit. They can include all demographics, individuals, groups, gangs, organized crime, businesses or contractors.

Sex Trafficking

Sex Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into commercial sexual exploitation. They seek those who are vulnerable for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability.

Commercial Sex Act

Any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.

(“Prostitute”) A Victim in the Life of Prostitution

A person who may be owned or “self-employed” who sells her/his body for sex for financial gain.

(“John”) Buyer

A person who purchases sex or sexual favors from another person.

(“Pimp”) Owner

A person (male or female) who deceives, controls, manipulates and sells another person for financial gain.

Daddy

The term an owner will often require a victim to call him.

Madam

An older woman who manages a brothel, escort service or other establishments. She may work privately or in collaboration with other traffickers.

Family/Folks

The term used to describe other individuals under the control of the same owner.

Lover Boy/Finesse Pimp/Romeo Pimp

One who prides himself on controlling others through psychological manipulation. The Lover Boy will shower the victim with gifts and false love and affection during the recruitment phase.

Choosing Up

The process by which a different owner takes ownership of victim in the life of prostitution.

Bottom Bitch

A person appointed by the owner to supervise another or others that are owned.

Exit Fee

The money an owner will demand from a victim who is thinking of leaving. The amount is usually significant to discourage the victims departure. Most owners to not provide this option unless victim is ill or of no “value.”



END SEX TRAFFICKING WHERE WE LIVE

SEX TRAFFICKING VOCABULARY

Trick

Committing an act of prostitution or the person buying it. A victim is said to be “turning a trick” or “with a trick.”

Date

The exchange when prostitution takes place, or the activity of prostitution. A Victim is said to be “with a date” or “dating”.

Quota

An established amount of money that a victim must earn each day. Quotas are often set between \$250-\$1500. The victim is usually punished, often severely and may be sent back into the streets. Quotas vary in different geographical locations.

Seasoning

A combination of psychological manipulation, intimidation, gang rape, beatings, food and sleep deprivation, isolation and threats to friends and family members. Seasoning is a method use to break down the victim into compliance.

Wifeys/Wife-in-law/Sister Wife

What women and girls under the control of their owner call each other.

Lot Lizard

A derogatory name for a person who is being prostituted at truck stops.

I've Got a Name is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our mission is to end sex trafficking by generating AWARENESS and taking action against it through our STREET OUTREACH.

IVEGOTANAME.ORG