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**MODERN SLAVERY AND
HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESPONSE**

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FAQ and Resources

1. What is modern slavery and human trafficking (MSHT)?

MSHT is when a person is manipulated, controlled and forced into sex and labour trafficking, forced marriage and other forms of trafficking and exploitation.

To learn more visit salvationist.ca/trafficking.



2. Does human trafficking happen here in Canada?

It is estimated that:

- 17,000 people are living in slavery in Canada.¹
- 93% of sex trafficking victims in Canada were born here.²
- Indigenous people, who make up 4.3% of the population, represent over 50% of sex trafficking victims.³

Read our **Spot the Series** pamphlets.



3. Who is vulnerable?

Traffickers will target individuals who are easier to exploit, including those who are:

- Experiencing poverty or homelessness.
- Young, female, or Indigenous.
- Lacking an education.
- Without family or community support.
- Struggling with addiction and mental health issues.
- Processing a history of family trauma.

4. What are some examples of human trafficking situations?

- An older boyfriend pressuring a girl to sell herself “just this once”.
- A migrant worker being exploited through long hours, poor pay and inadequate housing.
- A restaurant employee working in unsafe conditions, deprived of his passport and threatened with harm to his family if he reports or quits.
- A woman goes missing, being moved across the country and forced into prostitution.

5. How do traffickers recruit victims?

Traffickers gain control through:

- **Force:** Violence, kidnapping, use of restraints or drugs.
- **Fraud:** Deception through false job offers or compensation and fake social media profiles.
- **Coercion:** Physical or psychological threats to the individual or their loved ones.

For more information, read our **Spot the Methods** pamphlet.

6. What should I do if I suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking?

Call the **Canadian National Human Trafficking Hotline:**

1-833-900-1010

7. Why is it important for us to join this fight?

Because:

- God values all life (Psalm 8:5).
- God sent Jesus so that all might have a full life (John 10:10).
- God sent Jesus to set the prisoner free and to heal those who are suffering (Luke 4:18-19).
- God loves justice (Isaiah 61:8).
- God requires us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly (Micah 6:8).
- We are to love our neighbour as ourselves (Matthew 22:39; Leviticus 19:18).

Christians are called to work to eliminate MSHT in all its forms.

8. What resources can I find on [Salvationist.ca/trafficking](https://salvationist.ca/trafficking)?

- Online, self-paced Introduction to MSHT certificate course
- Human trafficking webinars
- January MSHT awareness month 2025
- MSHT Impact Report 2023
- Spot the Series brochures and posters (in multiple languages)
- Films and documentaries
- Books for children and adults
- Podcasts



Sources:

- 1 Global Slavery Index, 2021.
- 2 Joy Smith Foundation, "What is Human Trafficking?"
- 3 National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, 2018.

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