

Human Trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world. It is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel another person to engage in commercial sex against their will. When sex buyers purchase sex, they create the demand -allowing others to exploit women and children for profit.

Sacramento Together

A coalition of law enforcement, lawyers and community-based organizations working together to combat human trafficking.

California Attorney General's Office
California Highway Patrol
Citrus Heights Police Department
Elk Grove Police Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Folsom Police Department
Galt Police Department
Rancho Cordova Police Department
Sacramento City Unified School District
Sacramento County Child Protective Services
Sacramento County Counsel's Office
Sacramento County District Attorney's Office
Sacramento County Public Defender's Office
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department
Sacramento Police Department
Sacramento Probation Department
UC Davis Children's Hospital CAARE Center

3 Strands
A Community For Peace
Another Choice, Another Chance
Birth and Beyond
Bridge Network
Chicks in Crisis
Children's Law Center
City of Refuge
Community Against Sexual Harm
Grace City / Grace Network
International Rescue Committee
My Sister's House
National Council of Jewish Women
Opening Doors
Rotary
Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center
Sacramento Rescue & Restore Coalition
WEAVE

If you believe someone is a victim of human trafficking, get help.

Law Enforcement

Citrus Heights Police	916.727.5500
Elk Grove Police	916.478.8000
Folsom Police	916.355.7230
Galt Police	209.366.7000
Sacramento County District Attorney	916.874.6218
Victim/Witness Assistance	916.874.5701
Sacramento County Sheriff	916.874.5115
Sacramento Police	916.264.5471

Local Resources

Child Protective Services	916.875.5437
City of Refuge	916.970.5166
Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH)	916.856.2900
My Sister's House	916.428.3271
National Human Trafficking Hotline	888.373.7888
Online chatting	humantraffickinghotline.org
Opening Doors Inc.	916.492.2591
Sacramento Together	sacramentotogether.org
UC Davis CAARE Center	916.734.8396
WEAVE	916.920.2952
Sacramento County Regional Family Justice Center	844-664-SAFE (7233)
24/7 Human Trafficking Hotline	

Resource card sacramentotogether.org

901 G Street - Sacramento, CA 95814

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CA Relay Service 800.735.2929 TDD or 711

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The Impacts and Penalties of Buying Sex



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Criminal Charges & Penalties

Sacramento County law enforcement agencies have initiated stings that have led to the arrest of sex buyers on a larger scale than ever. The increased arrests and associated penalties reflects law enforcements shift to the criminal conduct of sex buyers instead of prostitutes.



If you are arrested for buying sex you could be charged with the following:

Solicitation for Prostitution:

California Penal Code section 647 (b) states: You are guilty of a misdemeanor if you agree to, engage in, or solicit an act of prostitution. As a sex buyer, you could face up to 180 days of in-custody jail and be placed on probation for three (3) years.

Conditions of Probation:

- Stay away from prostitution stroll areas
- Subject yourself to search and seizure by law enforcement

Possible Life Effects

Family and Friends:

Sex buyers may not realize their spouse, children, extended family, friends and co-workers may learn of their arrest.

Crime Victims:

Prostitution is a crime linked to drug use and sales, identity theft, and acts of violence toward sex buyers including robbery.

Professional License or career:

Prostitution is considered a moral turpitude crime. A conviction of which, could cause negative consequences for one's professional license or job.

This includes:

- Doctors/Dentists
- Lawyers
- Teachers
- Social workers
- Law enforcement
- Cosmetologists
- Psychiatrists
- Therapists
- CPAs
- Real estate agents and brokers

Family Law Penalties:

Sex buyers could suffer the additional collateral penalty of the loss of family law rights to adoption, child visitation, and child custody.

Prostitution is not a "Victimless Crime"

Most prostitution is street-level and pimp-controlled. Experts estimate that 80% of prostitutes solicit sex before they turn 18, and many "Johns" (sex buyers) don't realize that most prostitutes fall within the definition of "victims of sex trafficking."

Many sex buyers view prostitution as a "victimless crime," but it is not. Viewing prostitution as a victimless crime or something that women choose allows men to ignore the fact that in the U.S. the average age is 12 to 14 when pimps target children into prostitution. They often target kids who have suffered abuse or neglect in their childhood home.

A majority of women engaged in prostitution would like to get out but feel trapped. Pimps use psychological manipulation, physical violence and rape to make a prostitute feel trapped and powerless. The pimp may also threaten to harm the prostitute's family or close friends to maintain control.

Sex buyers must stop viewing prostitution as a victimless crime and acknowledge the tremendous harm and suffering their participation in prostitution causes. Remember, it is illegal to solicit a prostitute.

This could be your child!



Impact to your health and those you love:

Sex Buyers are at higher risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) that spread through intimate contact with random individuals. Hepatitis, HIV, HPV can all be unknowingly transmitted to sex buyers.

THIS CAN RESULT IN THE SEX BUYER'S SPOUSE OR LIFE PARTNER BECOMING INFECTED AS WELL.

Resources:

If you need help,
call 800-570-3670 or visit:
www.rehabcenter.net/free-mental-health-addiction-resources