

“Just because we don’t always see human trafficking happening, doesn’t mean it’s non-existent... Toronto is the largest urban city in Canada and it’s a haven for trafficked and exploited persons.”

— [free-them], Toronto

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AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IN THE CITY OF TORONTO

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THE CITY OF TORONTO HAS DEVELOPED A "WORKING DEFINITION" THAT INCLUDES ALL FORMS OF FORCED LABOUR, INCLUDING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

An act by a person, or group of people that involves recruiting, transporting or receiving persons, harbouring, luring, exercising control over a person by means of threat, use of force or other forms of coercion or influence for the purpose of exploitation, including sexual exploitation, forced labour, and/or forced marriages.

Language adapted by Canada's Criminal Code, UNESCO, and Canada's National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.

“ Toronto is one of the principle destinations or transit points for victims of human trafficking. Many of them are young and many are women. We're working hard across the entire city to prevent human trafficking. We're providing safe spaces and services for those who have been victimized by human traffickers. Much more needs to be done, but with efforts like Fashions for Passions, we are taking the right steps to address these horrendous crimes.

— Mayor John Tory
CITY OF TORONTO

COLLABORATIVE PROGRESS

In December 2013, City Council approved several initiatives to address human trafficking. Since then, the City has worked with a range of partners to increase the availability and effectiveness of services to support trafficked persons:

Twenty-one City divisions and agencies have been collaborating and have achieved numerous accomplishments, which include:

1. Invested \$850,000 for the City's first Transitional House for girls and young women;
2. Trained Municipal Licensing & Standards bylaw inspectors and management staff to recognize the indicators of trafficked persons;
3. Held two Shelter, Support and Housing Administration symposiums on human trafficking for staff and agencies; and
4. Funded a community partner to develop the Toronto Counter-Human Trafficking Network, and to create a Toronto Response Model.

TORONTO STATISTICS FROM JAN 2014 - JUL 2015:

647 Charges laid
105 Search warrants executed
82 Arrests
50 Victims rescued

DATA SOURCE: TORONTO POLICE SERVICE

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MAP OF TORONTO

Over 90% of trafficked cases involved domestic human trafficking, and less than 10% involved people being brought into Canada from abroad (Status of Women Canada).

A total of 551 cases of human trafficking involving ONTARIO as a source, transit, and /or destination point were reported for the period between January 2011-December 2013.

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