

Human Trafficking Defined

The chart below, extrapolated and simplified from the 2000 UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children definition, is a useful tool for analyzing individual cases to determine whether or not they constitute trafficking. In order for a situation to be trafficking, it must have at least one of the elements within each of the three criteria of Process, Means, and Goal.

Human Trafficking is:

| Process | + | Way/Means | + | Goal |
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| <i>Recruitment</i> or <i>Transportation</i> or <i>Transferring</i> or <i>Harboring</i> or <i>Receiving</i> | A N D | <i>Threat</i> or <i>Coercion</i> or <i>Abduction</i> or <i>Fraud</i> or <i>Deceit</i> or <i>Deception</i> or <i>Abuse of Power</i> | A N D | <i>Prostitution</i> or <i>Pornography</i> or <i>Violence/Sexual Exploitation</i> or <i>Forced Labor</i> or <i>Involuntary Servitude</i> or <i>Debt Bondage</i> (with unfair wages) or <i>Slavery/Similar practices</i> |

If one condition from each category is met, the result is trafficking. For adults, victim consent is irrelevant if one of the Means is employed. For children consent is irrelevant with or without the Means category.