

LAP Data

Total Calls: 6
High Danger: 3
Not High Danger: 3

The Lethality Assessment Protocol, or LAP, is a tool that helps police officers and other crisis responders to put victims in contact with us almost immediately after a domestic violence incident. Officers or responders use the lethality assessment to determine how much danger the victim is in in their current situation. If they conclude that the risk of lethality is high, the responder will call us and an advocate will speak with the victim, inform them of our services, and set up a time to call back for a more in-depth conversation.

Help Needed:

Court Watch volunteer training will be happening in September. If you are interested in being apart of this program, please contact us.

Housekeeping and maintenance is always welcome. It is a much appreciated role from volunteers.

Garage Clean out; we have two big garages that need help with clearing out old furniture and organizing new. If you have a group to help us, we would really appreciate it. We would like to finish this project before snow comes.

all volunteer inquiries can be emailed to mainhia.y@boltonrefuge.org or call us 715-834-9578

"At any given moment, you have the power to say this is not how the story is going to end."

Sex Trafficking: What is it?

Human trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise in the world and is the fastest growing. It happens in every zip code in America, 365 days a year. Sex Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery that occurs when someone is recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of an individual through the means of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of commercial sex. It is important to note that force, fraud, and coercion does not need to be present in cases involving children under 18- it is still considered sex trafficking.

Examples of-

Force: physical harm, beatings, sexual assault, confinement, isolation

Fraud: false promises of employment, wages, better life, relationship

Coercion: psychological abuse, manipulation, threats, confiscate legal documents

Kidnapping victims and forcing them into sex trafficking through violence is very rare. Victims almost always know and trust their traffickers. Traffickers come from all genders, races, ethnicities, and backgrounds. They may be intimate partners, family members, friends, or business acquaintances to the victim. Traffickers will often manipulate and groom victims into sex trafficking in such a way that victims will believe it was their own decision to engage in commercial sex. Traffickers target vulnerable people who have needs that they are able to fill- such as material support like a place to live or offering love and a sense of belonging. They lure in vulnerable victims by grooming them and then they begin to isolate the victim before eventually exploiting them for commercial sex. Traffickers will create conditions where the victim is completely reliant on them for their physical and emotional safety making it hard to escape.

5 Root Causes of Sex Trafficking:

1. Experiencing poverty and homelessness
2. Lack of access to education or job opportunities in the formal economy
3. Permanent or temporary displacement caused by conflict/natural disasters/ political instability
4. Lack of legal protections for undocumented immigrants and stateless persons
5. Discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, or age

Red Flags for Sex Trafficking

- Unexplained injuries
- branding/tattoos
- Hotel keys, rolls of cash, multiple phones, or refillable gift cards
- Unable to make decisions without approval
- Sexually provocative clothing not appropriate for the weather
- Lack of eye contact

If you or someone you know may be experiencing sex trafficking please reach out for help.

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (TTY 711)

Bolton Refuge House: 1-715-834-9578