

Responding to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Youth in King County



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Federal Definition: Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking: 18 U.S.C. § 1591 makes it illegal to recruit, harbor, transport, provision, obtain, *patronize*, or *solicit* a person or to benefit from such activities knowing that the person will be caused to engage in commercial sex acts **where the person is under 18 or where force, fraud or coercion exists**. This statute does not require that either the defendant or the victim actually travel.

Commercial sex act means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person. This includes:

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| Prostitution | "Survival sex" |
| Exotic dancing/stripping | Phone sex lines |
| Erotic/nude massage | Gang based prostitution |
| Sex tourism | Internet based |
| Pornography | |

- Trafficking Victims Protection Act

WA State Definition: CSAM

RCW 9.68A.100: Commercial sexual abuse of a minor

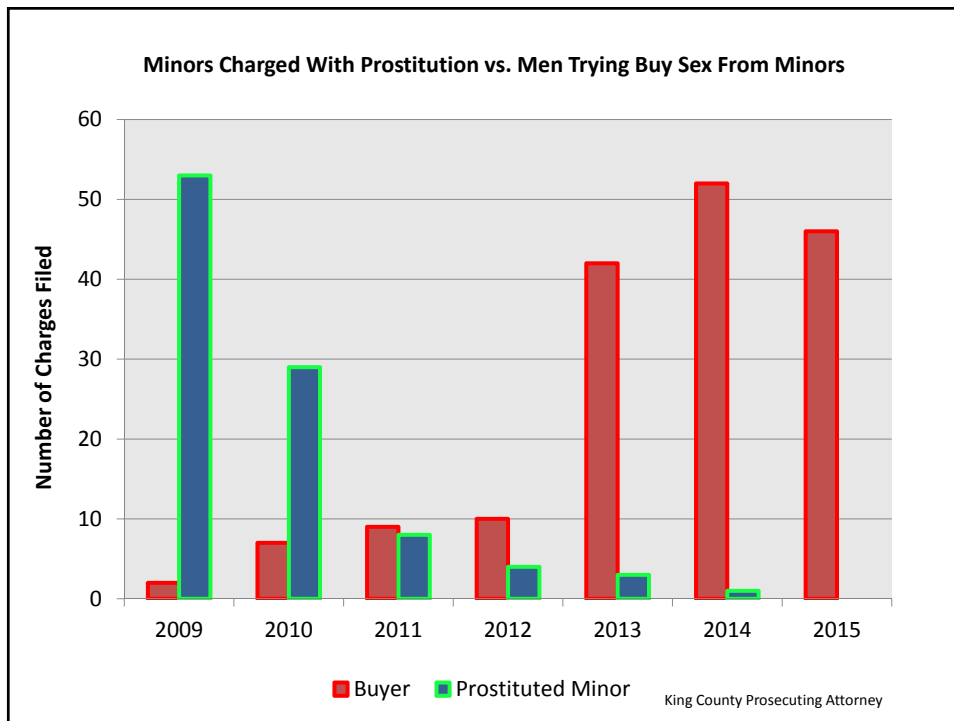
- (1) A person is guilty of commercial sexual abuse of a minor if:
 - (a) He or she pays a fee to a minor or a third person as compensation for a minor having engaged in sexual conduct with him or her;
 - (b) He or she pays or agrees to pay a fee to a minor or a third person pursuant to an understanding that in return therefore such minor will engage in sexual conduct with him or her; or
 - (c) He or she solicits, offers, or requests to engage in sexual conduct with a minor in return for a fee.
- (2) Commercial sexual abuse of a minor is a class B felony punishable under chapter [9A.20](#) RCW.
- (3) In addition to any other penalty provided under chapter [9A.20](#) RCW, a person guilty of commercial sexual abuse of a minor is subject to the provisions under RCW [9A.88.130](#) and [9A.88.140](#).
- (4) Consent of a minor to the sexual conduct does not constitute a defense to any offense listed in this section.**
- (5) For purposes of this section, "sexual conduct" means sexual intercourse or sexual contact, both as defined in chapter [9A.44](#) RCW.

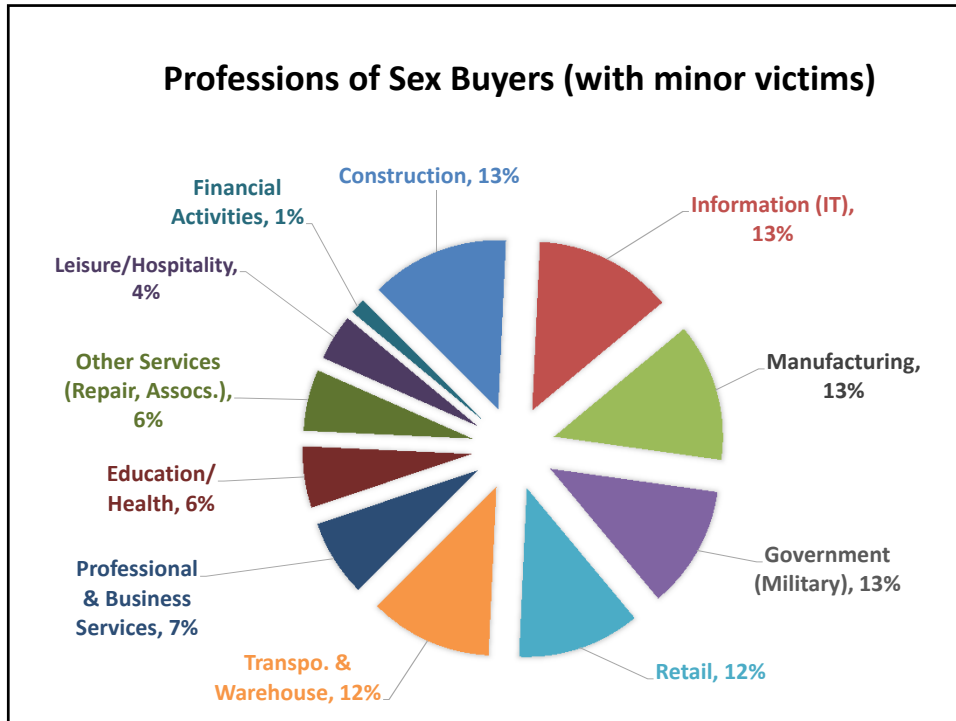
***Commercial sexual abuse of a minor is a class B felony punishable under chapter [9A.20](#) RCW. Maximum of 10 years / \$20,000 fine ***

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Change in culture: Youth as victims

- WA State Safe Harbor Laws:
 - Effective date of **July 2009**
- Stakeholder collaboration and outreach:
 - Tim Matsui films “The Long Night” **2012 – 2013 (released 2014)**
 - Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCYJ) hold mini summits throughout WA state in **2012**
 - The REVISED Washington State Model Protocol For Commercially Sexually Exploited Children is published **March 2013**
- King County Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Task Force Convenes:
 - First meeting **April 2013**
 - Sole staff member hired **July 2013**





Prevalence

300-500 youth are victims of CSEC each year in King County, WA (Boyer, 2008)

http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/domesticviolence/Report_YouthInProstitution.pdf

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) estimated that **one in five endangered runaways were likely sex trafficking victims** in 2015. This is an increase from **one in six** endangered runaways in 2014 and **one in seven** endangered runaways in 2013 (NCMEC, 2016).

King County's CSEC

All data cumulative from April 2014 – June 2016

- Referrals:
 - **329 youth unique referrals in 27 months**
 - (year one) 96% female, 4% male
 - (year two) 84% female, 13% male, 2% transgender, 1% unsure
 - (first 3 months of year three) 87% female, 11% male, 2% unsure
 - (year one) 79% of referrals have a follow up meeting with a community advocate
 - (year two) 81% of referrals have a follow up meeting with a community advocate
 - (first 3 months of year three) 76% of referrals have a follow up meeting with a community advocate.
- Enrollments:
 - 167 enrolling in services with a community advocate.
 - **57% of enrolled youth are homeless/unstably housed**

Service Response in Seattle/King County

Community Advocates (Auburn Youth Resources, Friends of Youth, & YouthCare)

- 24 hour hotline: 1-855-400-CSEC
- Housing and case management for youth and young adults 12-24
- www.youthcare.org/bridge-continuum

OPS (Organization for Prostitution Survivors)

- Survivor-led support groups, arts workshop, drop-in
- Work with youth and young adults of all ages
- <http://seattleops.org/>

REST (Real Escape from the Sex Trade)

- 24 hour hotline: 206.451.REST
- Housing for survivors 18-24 years old
- Case management for all ages
- <http://iwantrest.com/>

How to Help

- Federal Way Coalition Against Trafficking:
 - <http://www.fwcat.org/>
- Seattle Against Slavery:
 - <http://www.seattleagainstsavery.org/>
- REST (Real Escape from the Sex Trade):
 - <http://www.seattleagainstsavery.org/>
- OPS (Organization for Prostitution Survivors):
 - <http://seattleops.org/>
- BEST (Businesses Ending Slavery & Trafficking):
 - <http://www.bestalliance.org/>

Trainings

- Length varies from 2.5 hours to 14 hours
- **Free** in King County
 - contact: Kelly Mangiaracina
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 - 206.205.9534 / 206.601.5563
- Low cost/no cost options statewide
 - contact: Nicholas Oakley
 - Noakley@ccyj.org
 - 206.696.7503 x 25