

Defined in 3 words:  
Exploitation for profit  
or sexual gratification

## Defined by 3 components:

### 1. VALUE EXCHANGED

Something of value must be exchanged.  
This could be money, food, shelter, drugs, alcohol, clothes or  
any transactional piece.

### 2. FORCE, FRAUD, COERCION...

#### FORCE

**physical violence:**  
restraint, confinement, use  
of a weapon, inflicting  
physical harm, kidnapping,  
and rape to force the  
victim into submission.

#### FRAUD

**false promise:**  
such as a modeling  
opportunity, marriage or a  
better life.

#### COERCION

**threat of serious harm or  
physical restraint;**  
a scheme leading victims  
to believe the failure to  
perform would result in  
harm to any person; or  
threatened abuse or abuse  
of law.

### ...& SEX/AGE EXCEPTION

If a victim of sex trafficking is a minor (under 18), **force, fraud, and coercion do not need to be present.**

Although the age of consent is 16 in South Carolina, a  
minor cannot consent to commercial sex.

### 3. TYPES OF TRAFFICKING

#### SEX

Involves  
a sex act

#### LABOR

Involuntary Servitude  
Debt Bondage  
Forced Servitude

#### ORGAN

The sale of organs is illegal under  
S.C. and federal law; however,  
organ trafficking is considered  
part of "trafficking in persons" by  
the United Nations Trafficking in  
Persons Protocol