



— Key Terms & Definitions

Standard Curriculum Toolkit, Section 1.2

Required Element

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You should include these key terms and definitions in your Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) training materials. This resource also lists additional terms and definitions you may reference as needed.

Requirement: Include each of the key terms and definitions listed below in your training

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#	Term	Definition
1.	Child Soldier	<p>A child soldier may be understood as any person under 18 years of age who takes a direct part in hostilities as a member of governmental armed forces, police, or other security forces; any person under 18 years of age who has been compulsorily recruited into governmental armed forces, police, or other security forces; any person under 15 years of age who has been voluntarily recruited into governmental armed forces, police, or other security forces; or any person under 18 years of age who has been recruited or used in hostilities by armed forces distinct from the armed forces of a state. (22 U.S.C. § 2370c):</p> <p>Source: This Act is found in the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-457) and was amended in P.L. 115-425.</p>
2.	Coercion	<p>Coercion for the purposes of combating trafficking in persons may be understood as threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person; any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that failure to perform an act would result in serious harm to or physical restraint against any person; or the abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process</p> <p>Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C. § 7102 (3))</p>
3.	Commercial Sex Act	<p>Any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.</p> <p>Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C. § 7102 (4))</p>
4.	Debt Bondage/Peonage	<p>The status or condition of a debtor arising from a pledge by the debtor of his or her personal services or of those of a person under his or her control as a security for debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed is not</p>

		<p>applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined.</p> <p>Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C. § 7102 (7))</p>
5.	Force	<p>Force means (A) the use of a weapon; (B) the use of such physical strength or violence as is sufficient to overcome, restrain, or injure a person; or (C) inflicting physical harm sufficient to coerce or compel submission by the victim.</p> <p>Source: Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. § 920)</p>
6.	Fraud	<p>Fraud consists of some deceitful practice or willful device, resorted to with intent to deprive another of his right, or in some manner to do him an injury. In the context of human trafficking, fraud often involves false promises of jobs or other opportunities.</p> <p>Sources: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C. § 7101(b4))</p>
7.	Involuntary Servitude	<p>Includes a condition of servitude induced by means of (A) any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that, if the person did not enter into or continue in such condition, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint; or (B) the abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process.</p> <p>Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C. § 7102 (8))</p>
8.	Labor Trafficking	<p>Labor trafficking is a colloquial term for forced labor. See forced labor for legal definition.</p> <p>Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, 22 U.S.C. § 7102 (11(B))</p>
9.	Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons	<p>The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 is the first comprehensive federal law to address human trafficking. The TVPA addressed existing gaps in the legal framework by creating new criminal offenses and establishing victim protections. The law created a three-pronged approach of prevention, protection, and prosecution.</p> <p>Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C. § 7102(11))</p>

10.	Sex Trafficking	Means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act . Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C. § 7102(12))
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Additional Terms and Definitions

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1.	"3P" Paradigm	The "3P" Paradigm - prevention, protection, and prosecution - serves as the fundamental international framework to combat human trafficking. (https://www.state.gov/3ps-prosecution-protection-and-prevention/) Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, (22 U.S.C § 7104, 7105, 7109)
2.	Forced Labor	Knowingly providing or obtaining the labor or services of a person (1) By threats of serious harm to, or physical restraint against, that person or another person; (2) By means of any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause the person to believe that, if the person did not perform such labor or services, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint; or (3) By means of the abuse or threatened abuse of law or the legal process. Source: Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 22.17, Definitions
3.	Forcible Pandering	Compelling another person to engage in an act of prostitution with any person. Source: Uniform Code of Military Justice, (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. § 920 (B))
4.	Human Smuggling	Human smuggling is the facilitation, transportation, attempted transportation, or illegal entry of a person(s) across an international border, in violation of one or more countries' laws, either clandestinely or through deception, such as the use of fraudulent documents. People who are smuggled are complicit in the smuggling crime and are not necessarily victims. (United States Attorney's Office District of Utah: https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/immigration)
5.	Minor	Under the TVPA, a minor is any person under the age of 18. Source: Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11))

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6.	Pimp	<p>A pimp is an intermediary who procures a prostitute for customers. He/she controls and financially benefits from the commercial sexual exploitation of another person. (Black's Law Dictionary)</p> <p>Source: Black's Law Dictionary, 7th edition</p>
7.	Prostitute	A prostitute is a person who performs the acts of prostitution; a person paid to engage in sexual acts.
8.	Trafficking Victims Protection Act (Public Law 106-386)	The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 is the first comprehensive federal law to address human trafficking. The TVPA addressed existing gaps in the legal framework by creating new criminal offenses and establishing victim protections. The law created a three-pronged approach of prevention, protection, and prosecution.
9.	Uniform Code of Military Justice	The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) is the criminal code that applies to Service members and (among others) in time of declared war or a contingency operation, persons serving with or accompanying an armed force in the field. Offenses related to sex trafficking that may be prosecuted under the UCMJ include prostitution; patronizing a prostitute; forcible pandering; pandering by compelling, inducing, enticing, or procuring an act of prostitution; and pandering by arranging or receiving consideration for arranging for sexual intercourse or sodomy.