

# SEX TRAFFICKING

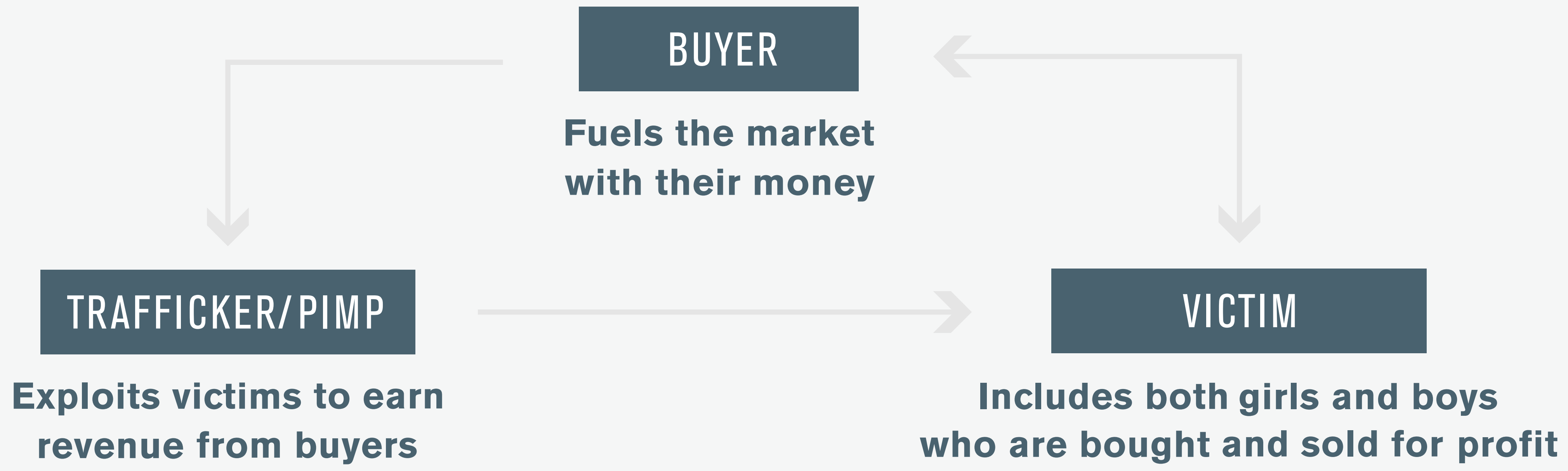
is a **BOOMING** industry

## DEFINED

**SEX TRAFFICKING** occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act

A **COMMERCIAL SEX ACT** includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes

It thrives because there's serious demand



Traffickers find victims through:

**SOCIAL NETWORK**

**HOME NEIGHBORHOOD**

**CLUBS OR BARS**

**INTERNET**

**SCHOOL**

And lure them through promises of:



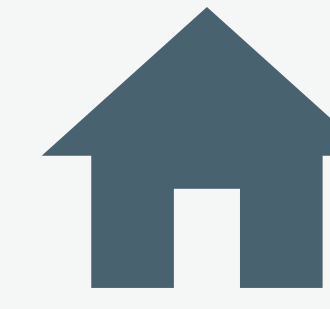
Protection



Love



Adventure



Home



Opportunity

## TRAFFICKERS USE

**FEAR**

**VIOLENCE**

**INTIMIDATION**

**THREATS**

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND MEET DEMAND

The **common age** a child enters sex trafficking is

**14-16**

TOO YOUNG AND NAIVE TO REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING

SOCIETY MAY CALL IT

**PROSTITUTION**

BUT FEDERAL LAW CALLS IT

**SEX TRAFFICKING**

**VICTIMS NEED HELP**

NOT JUDGEMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Because of social stigma or misinformation, victims go:

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**UNIDENTIFIED**

SILENCED BY FEAR AND THE CONTROL OF THE TRAFFICKER

**X**

**MISIDENTIFIED**

PIGEONHOLED INTO TREATMENT FOR ONLY THE SURFACE ISSUES

SO

Sex trafficked children are instead treated for:

DRUG ABUSE

ALCOHOL ABUSE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DELINQUENCY

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

STDS

ABORTION



ALL MASKING THE TRUE NEED...

**FREEDOM**