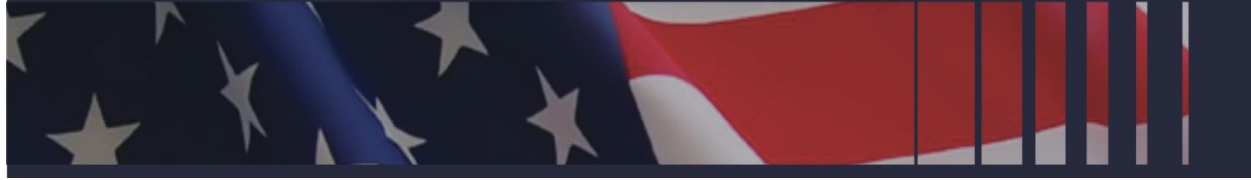


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California State Facts

Criminalization of DMST

1. California's human trafficking law criminalizes sex trafficking of minors, imposing enhanced penalties when the victim is a minor, but requires force, fraud, or coercion to be used in the commission, even for minors used in commercial sex acts.
2. On average 200 girls a year are referred to the Alameda County's Sexually Exploited Minor Network.¹
3. In a study Shared Hope conducted highlighting domestic minor sex trafficking in Las Vegas, of the 226 children accused of prostitution related offenses, nearly one third were from California.²

Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand

4. The human trafficking law cannot be used to prosecute demand and no CSEC law includes the crime of buying sex with a minor.
5. California Attorney General Kamala Harris was one of 51 Attorneys General who signed a letter to Backpage.com calling on the company to disclose its efforts to identify and delete advertisements that facilitate sex trafficking, specifically of minors.³

Criminal Provisions for Traffickers

6. Human trafficking of a minor is punishable by four, six, or eight years imprisonment and a fine up to \$100,000, while CSEC crimes of pimping of a minor and pandering of a minor each are punishable by possible fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for three, six, or eight years (minor is under 16) or three, four, or six years (minor 16–18), and an additional fine up to \$5,000.

Criminal Provisions for Facilitators

7. Procurement of a minor applies to facilitators and is punishable by up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,000. Facilitators also may be convicted for pimping of a minor, punishable by a possible fine up to \$10,000 and three, six, or eight years imprisonment (minor under 16) or three, four, or six years imprisonment (minor 16–18).
8. In October 2011, Oakland city attorney Andy Nelson filed suit against the National Lodge motel, arguing that it knowingly facilitates child sex trafficking.

1 <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Alameda-County-Grapples-With-Child-Prostitution-127528803.html>

2 Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Assessment– Las Vegas (Shared Hope International 2008).

3 <http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cases/backpage/backpageletter.pdf>

Protective Provisions for Child Victims

9. Arrests of American children who are victims of sex trafficking in California has increased an average of 6 percent annually since 1995, according to an analysis released by the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited, and Missing Persons (ITEMP).⁴

⁴ <http://www.itemp.org/>