

PROTECTED INNOCENCE INITIATIVE

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Nevada State Facts

1. Nevada law requires the proof of force, fraud and coercion for all cases of human trafficking and does not include sex trafficking of minors a specific form of trafficking.
2. In December 2010, Reno police rescued a 14 and 15-year-old from Sacramento, CA who were being prostituted on the streets of Reno. Their pimp was arrested on charges of sex trafficking.¹
3. At any given time, approximately half of the girls at Clark County's juvenile detention facility are there on prostitution-related offenses.²
4. Since 2003, more than 1,000 children involved in prostitution have been rescued in Las Vegas. Authorities rescued 155 children in 2009.³
5. The human trafficking law is ineffective against buyers, leaving prosecutors to rely on local CSEC laws. Although the solicitation for prostitution statute establishes a felony for buying sex with a minor, a convicted buyer may be given probation as a sentence.
6. Individuals convicted of trafficking a minor for prostitution or pornography are subject to fines, imprisonment, and asset forfeiture. They may also be required to pay restitution to victims, register as sex offenders or subject to charges of racketeering and money laundering.
7. Prostitution offenses are not limited in application to adults and do not identify a minor engaged in prostitution as a victim of sex trafficking, leaving minor victims vulnerable to being arrested and charged with the delinquency of prostitution with no protective provisions statutorily mandated.

¹ <http://www.kolotv.com/>

² <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/mar/22/what-should-clark-county-do-teenage-prostitutes/>

³ <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/nov/08/51-arrested-las-vegas-area-part-national-prostitut/>