

What is child sexual exploitation?

Child or Youth Sexual Exploitation is the act of coercing, luring, or engaging a **child under the age of 18** into a sexual act and involvement in the sex trade or pornography, **with or without the child's consent**, in exchange for money, drugs, shelter, food, protection, or other necessities.

Manitoba Sexual Exploitation Strategy, Tracia's Trust

Child sexual exploitation is child abuse.

Risk Factors of Sexual Exploitation



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Stats

- **80%** of child sexual exploitation is hidden in “gang houses” or “trick pads”
- **13 years old** is the average age that children report their first experience of being exploited through the sex trade. Age range is from 8 years – 16 years.
- **70%-80%** of adults involved in the sex trade were also first exploited under the age of 18
- **85%-90%** of sexually exploited children/youth are female;
- **10%-15%** are male

Berry, et al. July 2011.

For more information:

Manitoba's Sexual Exploitation Strategy
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/traciastrust/>

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<http://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/safe/pdf/neighborhoodsolutions.pdf>