



ACT!

AGAINST
VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION

WEBSITE



ADDICTION BEYOND PROSTITUTION

When victims of sex trafficking have an addiction, they are often not properly recognized as victims.

Traffickers, after introducing drugs and creating dependency, may exploit victims by forcing them to use drugs or controlling their supply in order to maintain control over the victims.

In other situations, substance use becomes a coping mechanism for victims to deal with the activities and trauma that they are forced to endure.

Victims of sex trafficking with an addiction are often frequent users of emergency services and are seen as hostile and uncooperative by first responders due to their addiction and trauma.

There are disparities and systemic racism in the perception and recognition of victims of sex trafficking with an addiction, particularly in marginalized communities.

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