

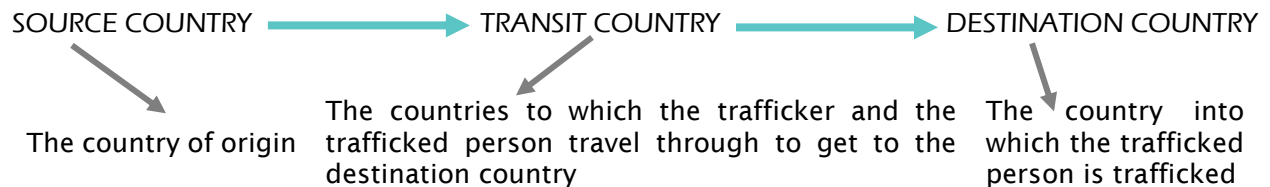
Domestic vs. International Human Trafficking

Movement is not a defining element of human trafficking. People are often recruited and exploited without ever leaving their home communities.

Domestic Trafficking, is when the trafficking of a person¹ is done within the boundaries of one country. No international borders are crossed from the time of recruitment to exploitation.

Example: A trafficker recruits an individual in Niagara Falls, Ontario but, exploits them in Calgary, Alberta.

International Trafficking, is when the trafficking of a person involves the crossing of at least 1 international border. This means that the trafficked person is transported through a minimum of 2 countries. Crossing of borders with a trafficked person can be done legally, with valid documentation, but can also be done illegally with no documents or fake ones.



The trafficked person may be a citizen of the origin country, or someone who has already been in the country (i.e. an immigrant, permanent resident, temporary worker, international student & refugee) at the time of their recruitment for the purpose of exploitation.

¹ MCIS Language Services, 2014, "Overview of Human Trafficking." In, *Helping Trafficked Persons: A Resource Handbook for Service Providers*, 4-12. URL: www.helpingtraffickedpersons.org