

Human Trafficking Statute §940.302

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Commercial sex act means sexual contact for which anything of value is given to, promised, or received, directly or indirectly, by any person.

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Services means activities performed by one individual at the request, under the supervision, or for the benefit of another person.

Penalty for a Class D felony is a fine not exceeding \$100,000, prison time not exceeding 25 years, or both.

Human Trafficking: A person is guilty of a Class D felony if he or she knowingly engages in trafficking **for the purpose of a labor or services or commercial sex act** and the trafficking is done through any of the following:

- a. Causing or threatening to cause bodily harm to any individual
- b. Causing or threatening to cause financial harm to any individual
- c. Restraining or threatening to restrain any individual
- d. Violating or threatening to violate a law
- e. Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating or possessing any actual or purported passport or official document of any individual or threatening to do the same
- f. Extortion
- g. Fraud or deception
- h. Debt bondage
- i. Controlling any individual's access to an addictive controlled substance
- j. Using a scheme or pattern to cause an individual to believe that any individual would suffer bodily harm, financial harm, restraint, or other harm

Penalties for those who benefit from Trafficking: Whoever benefits in any manner from a violation of Human Trafficking, as described above, is also guilty of a Class D felony if the person knew that the benefits came from an act of Trafficking.

Affirmative Defense: A victim of Human Trafficking has an affirmative defense for any crime he or she committed as a direct result of the trafficking without regard to whether anyone was prosecuted or convicted for trafficking.

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Definitions:

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Sexually explicit performance: this term is not defined in the Wisconsin Statutes, however “sexually explicit conduct” is defined in Wis. Stat. § 948.01

Penalty for a Class C felony is a fine not exceeding \$100,000, prison time not exceeding 40 years, or both

Trafficking of a Child:

Whoever knowingly **recruits, entices, provides, obtains, or harbors** any child **for the purpose of commercial sex acts or sexually explicit performance**, or knowingly **attempts** to do any of the same, is guilty of a Class C felony.

Penalties for those who benefit from Trafficking of a Child:

Whoever benefits in any manner from a violation of Trafficking of a Child, as described above, is guilty of a Class C felony if the person knew that the benefits came from an act of Trafficking of a Child.

Statute of Limitations for Trafficking of a Child: A prosecution for Trafficking of a Child may be commenced until the victim reaches the age of 24.

§948.051 Differs from § 940.302 in two respects:

- a. It is not required to prove lack of consent on the part of a minor victim
- b. Applies only to trafficking involving commercial sex acts or sexually explicit performance and not to “labor/services” as found in § 940.302

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