

**HUMAN  
EXPLOITATION  
AND  
TRAFFICKING**

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## What constitutes Trafficking in Persons?

Trafficking in Persons (TIP) is a crime which involves the **recruitment**, **transportation**, or **harbouring** of persons for the purposes of exploitation (typically in the sex industry or forced labour). TIP may occur across or within borders; traffickers range from individual actors motivated by profit, criminal gangs, and, at the highest level, extensive organized crime networks. TIP violates the most basic human rights of its victims.

**TIP is a criminal offence under the *Criminal Code of Canada* as well as an offence under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)*.**

CBSA recognizes that not all victims of trafficking in persons (VTIPs) are entering Canada illegally or are aware that they are a victim.



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## Legislative Authority

The *Customs Act* provides the authority to monitor and control the flow of goods imported into, or exported from, Canada. These include searches of the person for evidence of contravention of the Act or for goods, the importation or exportation of which is prohibited under federal law, as well as search, examination, detention or seizure of goods.

The *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* reflects the Canadian government's policy on immigration and refugee matters and sets out the rights and obligations of all those affected  
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### Offence – Trafficking in Persons

118. (1) No person shall knowingly organize the coming into Canada of one or more persons by means of abduction, fraud, deception or use or threat of force or coercion.

118 (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), “organize”, with respect to persons, includes their recruitment or transportation and, after their entry into Canada, the receipt or harbouring of those persons



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## **Legislative Authority**

*Criminal Code of Canada*

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## CBSA Mandate

The CBSA is responsible for providing integrated border services that support national security and public safety priorities and facilitate the free flow of persons and goods, including animals and plants, that meet all requirements under the program legislation.

**The Canada Border Services Agency's** policy objective, as concerns Trafficking in Persons remains consistent with its overall mandate of managing Canada's borders and fighting cross-border crime:

- to detect instances of TIP;
- to prevent suspected human traffickers from transporting potential victims of TIP (VTIP);
- to assist in the safety and security of potential victims by referring them to appropriate government services; and
- to support the investigation and prosecution of trafficking offenders.



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## CBSA's Commitment against TIP

The CBSA is engaged in fighting TIP by detecting and preventing trafficking operations and associated activities, and the transport of victims to Canada.

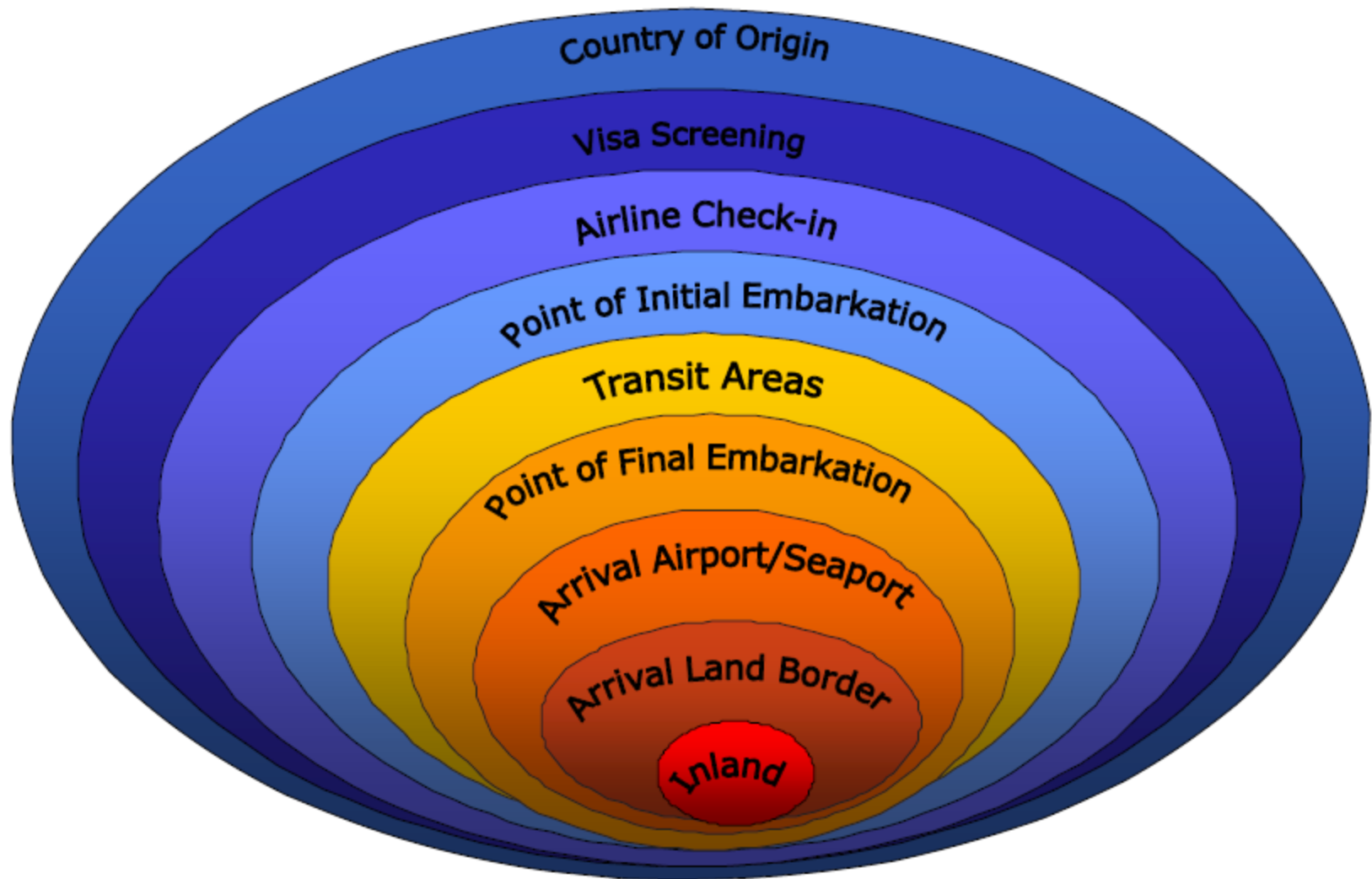
CBSA provides assistance to international governments and transportation industry partners, with the common goal of deterring trafficking organizations from using Canada as a destination or transit country. CBSA provides assistance in the investigation and prosecution of trafficking offenders.

CBSA works with key partner agencies in Canada, such as **Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)**, the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)**, local police agencies and non-government organizations, in ensuring that VTIPs are provided with the necessary referrals and assistance.



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## Multiple Borders Strategy







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## **CBSA Trafficking in Persons Indicators**

- Source Area
- Distrustful of authorities
- Shows signs of being controlled mentally or physically
- Show fear or anxiety when observed or during interview
- Places Frequented
- False documentation
- Documentation withheld
- Travel arrangements
- Fees
- Unrealistic Offers
- Unfamiliar with their environment
- Confined to living quarters
- Little or no contact with family members or friends
- Limited linguistic skills
- Dependence



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## **CBSA Trafficking in Persons Indicators for Children**

- Have little to no access to parents or guardians
- Have little to no friends their age outside of school/work
- Travel unaccompanied
- Travel with groups of persons who are not relatives

**Children who are in possession of contact information for people who they are not related to as well as taxi cab companies and known hubs for trafficking.**



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## Forced Labour Locales

- Restaurants
- Factories
- Agriculture
- Criminal Operations (Marijuana Grow Operations, Drug Couriers, Theft Rings)
- Construction Sites
- Private Residences
- Non- unionised Industries



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