# What are the impacts of child sex tourism?

- sexual assault
- physical & emotional trauma
- debt bondage
- unwanted pregnancy and dangerous abortions
- exposure to HIV/AIDS and other STDs
- sickness and death
- drug addiction
- family abandonment
- societal rejection and stigmatization

### Impacts on all of society may include:

- the accelerated spread of HIV/AIDS and other STDs
- an increase in crimes that fuel the child sex tourism industry, such as kidnapping, human trafficking, sexual slavery, and the production of pornography
- a strengthening of organized crime
- government corruption

To help **end** child sex tourism, contact your local police or report to **www.cybertip.ca** call toll-free at **1-866-658-9022**.



### Beyond Borders Mission Statement

Beyond Borders is a non-political, non-religious volunteer organization which advances the rights of children to be free from abuse and exploitation without regard to race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

#### For more information on ...

- child sex tourism
- Canada's child sex tourism legislation
- how to receive the Beyond Borders' newsletter
- scheduling a Beyond Borders representative to speak to your organization on child sex tourism or other issues relating to child sexual exploitation
- how to make a donation
- how to establish a code of conduct in your workplace to help prevent child sex tourism

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# Welcome home... to a prison sentence!







Important information about Canadian laws against child sex tourism. What is child sex tourism?

Child sex tourism involves a person travelling to another country to engage in sexual acts with children.

### What are the laws against child sex tourism?

A Canadian who commits sexual crimes against children in another country can be charged and prosecuted in Canada, (as if the crime had been committed in Canada).

### What is the history of child sex tourism legislation?

In 1996 delegates from 122 countries, including Canada, assembled at the World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm, Sweden and signed the Declaration and Agenda for Action. They committed to develop laws and to work with the international community to prevent the sexual exploitation of children.

> 38 nations, including Canada have now enacted legislation to enable the prosecution of child sex tourists. Worldwide there have been many successful child sex tourist prosecutions!

ECPAT is the worldwide organization responsible for monitoring how countries stop child sex tourism.



Beyond Borders is the Canadian affiliate of ECPAT International www.ecpat.net Bangkok, Thailand

#### Who are the victims?

Victims of child sex tourism range in age from newborn babies to 18 years. They can be male or female. The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is a growing industry where children are the commercial objects, often living in sexual slavery.

#### Who are child sex tourists?

Child sex tourists come from all walks of life and social backgrounds.

## Who can be charged with sex tourism?

Any Canadian or permanent resident of Canada over the age of 18, who sexually exploits a child in another country.

Note to Parents/Guardians: The law applies if the child is a Canadian or a non-Canadian citizen.

### CANADA'S FIRST CHILD SEX TOURISM PROSECUTION

Donald Bakker, a 41 year old Canadian, was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to travelling to Cambodia and sexually exploiting a number of young girls, as well as sexually assaulting Vancouver women. Bakker is the first person to be charged under Canada's sex tourism legislation and his successful conviction marks a victory for Beyond Borders' fight against child sex tourism!

### Where is child sex tourism happening?

Child sex tourism can occur anywhere but is most prevalent in developing nations.

### How has Beyond Borders helped to stop child sex tourism?

Prior to co-founding Beyond Borders, Rosalind Prober and children's rights lawyer Mark Hecht began lobbying government for laws to stop Canadians from abusing children, including Canadian children in foreign countries.

In 1996, the Canadian government proposed new legislation to help eradicate the rapidly growing crime of child sex tourism. Rosalind Prober appeared before the Federal Justice Committee to address the inadequacies of the proposed legislation.

The resulting "Prober Amendment" broadened the legislation so that all Canadians who sexually abuse children or commit child pornography offences in foreign jurisdictions can be held accountable under the law.

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