

Domestic Servitude

Domestic Servitude, is also known as the hidden form of exploitation due to the hidden nature of the work¹ and is a subset of labour trafficking.

The following elements are

- Numerous people are exploited in private households for the purpose of housekeeping, caring for children and/or the elderly;
- Long working hours with little to no pay;
- Documents are withheld;
- Threats, emotional abuse and physical abuse;
- Poor living conditions, no privacy, constant monitoring;

Many domestic servitude cases that have been seen in Ontario, usually involve international victims entering Canada through live-in caregiver program.

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