

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that involves controlling a person through force, fraud or coercion to exploit the victim.



MISCONCEPTIONS

- Sex trafficking and prostitution are not the same thing – although all child prostituting is human trafficking
- Victims can easily seek help or leave unsafe/unfair situations - many victims may not feel safe to do so or lack courage due to manipulation and psychological control by traffickers
- Human trafficking does not discriminate



VICTIMS

- Anyone can be a victim
- Males and females of all races, ethnicities and socioeconomic levels
- Victims are often lured by false promise of relationships
- Many victims are often hidden in plain sight and/or may not realize they are being exploited



TRAFFICKERS

- Traffickers can be anyone: males, females, a fellow classmate, friend, family, someone you met online, boy or girlfriend, pimps, gangs, family members and employers
- Traffickers use various methods such as violence, threats, fraud, coercion, blackmail, false promises, deception, and manipulation, to trap vulnerable individuals
- Traffickers employ a variety of control tactics, including physical and emotional abuse, sexual assault, isolation from friends and family, and even renaming victims



RECRUITMENT TACTICS

- Grooming by providing expensive items
- Grooming by fulfilling emotional needs (spending time, listening, giving compliments)
- Peer pressure
- Pressure of entering a relationship or meeting face to face
- Online recruitment through social media (comments on posts, sends private message, etc.)
- Offering help such as a place to stay or a job
- Blackmail (threatening to share photo and personal information, or anything else that might elicit fear, cause embarrassment, or lead to legal consequences)

PREVENTION

- Do not post your troubles/frustrations online
- Keep social media and game accounts private
- Do not converse with someone online you have never met in person
- Contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline directly at **1-888-373-7888** if you have concerns about a potential trafficking situation



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HOW TO REPORT A TIP



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STEP 1

Submit an anonymous tip



STEP 2

Your tip leads to an arrest or disciplinary action



STEP 3

Receive a cash reward
(up to \$5,000)