

HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Sex and labor trafficking of children

Who is at risk?

Young people who:

- Faced prior abuse
- Escaped civil conflict
- Lost their homes
- Fled broken child protection systems
- Lack strong social support systems

What is human trafficking?

The illegal movement of children, typically for the purposes of forced labor or sexual exploitation.



Cases of trafficking involving minors

1,607



Cases referencing child welfare system

121

Q: Where does trafficking occur?

A: Everywhere. Traffickers have been reported targeting their minor victims through telephone chat-lines, clubs, on the street, through friends, and at malls, as well as using girls to recruit other girls at schools and after-school programs.

Q: How can I protect my children?

A: Set high standard of “love” within your home.

Talk to your children about sexual abuse & sex trafficking.

Talk to your children about the dangers of social media & monitor their phones/tablets and social media accounts frequently.

Red flags of trafficking in children

- Has unexplained absences from school for a period of time, and is therefore a truant
- Demonstrates an inability to attend school on a regular basis
- Chronically runs away from home
- Makes references to frequent travel to other cities
- Exhibits bruises or other physical trauma, withdrawn behavior, depression, or fear
- Lacks control over her or his schedule or identification documents
- Is hungry-malnourished or inappropriately dressed (based on weather conditions or surroundings)
- Shows signs of drug addiction
- Makes references to sexual situations that are beyond age-specific norms

“Children are trafficked by caregivers, intimate partners, or others who use violence, threats, debt bondage, and other manipulative tactics to victimize children”

-Polaris Project

If you suspect a child being trafficked, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at:

1(888) 373-7888