

WHAT IS TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is any labor or commercial sex act induced through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the profit of a third party (aka trafficker). In the case of sex trafficking, the trafficker receives something of value (e.g., money or goods). In cases of trafficking of children for sexual purposes, force, fraud or coercion does not need to be present.

WHAT IS EXPLOITATION?

Exploitation is taking advantage of vulnerabilities. The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children ("CSEC") is any sexual act(s) with a child (under 18) by another in exchange for something of value (e.g., money or goods). CSEC includes child pornography, trafficking in children for sexual purposes, child sex tourism, and child marriage when payment is exchanged. Some, but not all, children involved in CSEC are trafficking victims.



ADD THIS NUMBER TO YOUR CELL
1.888.3737.888

The National Human Trafficking Hotline can help in cases of trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

ABOUT LOVE146

Founded in 2002, Love146 is an international human rights organization. Love146 works to prevent child trafficking and exploitation through prevention education, survivor care, and empowering an international movement of abolition. Our programs are equipping youth to stay safe from exploitation, caring for those who have been trafficked, and supporting children as they seek justice. The trafficking and exploitation of children is one of the darkest stories and most severe human rights abuses imaginable.

But for us, the hope of ending it is a reality. We believe in the power of love and its ability to effect sustainable change.

Love is the foundation of our motivation.

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KNOWING THE SIGNS

of child trafficking

FROM LOVE146



Child pictured is a model and is not known to be exploited

TO BE AWARE IS TO KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT

It takes a village to raise a child... and it takes an alert, aware community to protect its children from trafficking and exploitation. Be informed and watch out for the children in your community!



RED FLAGS

- Is under 18 years old and performs commercial sex acts
- Is excessively monitored or controlled by parents, a supposed guardian or older partner or “sponsor” who claims to provide for their upbringing and needs, or who insists on speaking for them or being present at all times
- Detached or (suddenly) isolated from majority of family members and friends
- Is unable to give answers about their schedules or living and work locations/conditions; appears to possibly work and live in the same building or location
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story; contradictory personal information (age, place of birth, family life)
- Has excessive security measures at his/her home or work (i.e., security cameras, boarded or covered windows); constant traffic of men at his/her home or work location
- Noticeable change in dress, jewelry, hair or nails without explainable source of income
- Shows signs of physical or sexual abuse (bruises, cuts, burns, submissiveness, jumpy, malnourishment); appears fearful, anxious, depressed, overly submissive, and avoids eye contact
- Suffers from substance abuse problems (alcohol and/or drugs), an array of other psychological disorders, sexually transmitted diseases, or chronic illnesses
- Carries multiple hotel key cards, lots of money, sharp objects (weapons)
- Sudden presence of an older boyfriend
- Tattoo with a name that is not their own; or that he/she is reluctant to explain



COMMON SITUATIONS AND VENUES OF TRAFFICKING

- Strip clubs, exotic dancing, pornography
- Begging
- Online ads, chat services and porn sites
- Escort or dating services
- Domestic labor (housecleaning, childcare, elderly care)
- Restaurants or bars
- The streets
- Factories, sweatshops, or agricultural work
- Businesses such as hotel/motels, massage parlors, nail salons



VULNERABILITIES

- History of sexual abuse, neglect or domestic violence
- Family background in commercial sex
- Displaced by social or natural disaster
- Is part of an undocumented, stateless, or ostracized group
- Poverty or family economic strain
- Unstable or inconsistent family conditions (i.e., parental absence or neglect, substance abuse, physical/sexual/emotional abuse, multiple foster homes)
- Running away or truancy
- Low self-esteem or self-worth
- Experimenting with risky sexual behaviors or drugs

In the United States, if you ever suspect trafficking or the commercial sexual exploitation of children, call the

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