



Human Trafficking

INFORMATIONAL PACKET

Know it. See it. Report it. Stop it.



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What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking is the organized criminal activity in which human beings are treated as possessions, to be controlled or exploited (as by being forced into prostitution or involuntary labor).

Important to note: that minors induced into commercial sex acts are human trafficking victims- regardless if force, fraud, coercion is present.

Who is at risk?

- Those that have an unstable home life
- Those that have experienced sexual abuse
- In Foster Care
- History of running away
- Has an older partner
- Substance abuse
- Gang involvement

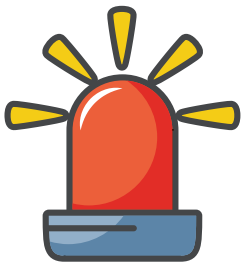
Behavioral or Social Indicators

- Avoids eye contact
- Showing signs of physical abuse
- Appears malnourished
- Substance Abuse
- Scripted or rehearsed responses
- AWOL Behavior
- Tattoos or branding
- Presence of an older person that is not a parent or caregiver
- Isolated from family and friends
- Multiple telephones



Work Environment Indicators

- Extreme Security measures such as barbed wire, fences, bars on windows
- Lacking identification documents
- Not allowed adequate breaks
- Money being withheld
- Works excessively long hours
- Makes false promises of improving work conditions
- Living at place of employment



Safety Tips



- Minimize stops when traveling alone
- Make eye contact
- If suspicious of activity around you do not act alone if possible
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Always have easy access to your cellphone
- Stay in groups when possible

INTERNET SAFETY

- SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN'S INTERNET USE
- UTILIZE PARENTAL CONTROLS
- ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO NOT SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION
- REVIEW ALL GAMES AND APPS BEING DOWNLOADED
- RESEARCH INTERNET SAFETY
- TEACH CHILDREN BODY SAFETY AND BOUNDARIES
- REPORT SUSPECTED ONLINE ENTICEMENT IMMEDIATELY

NAVIGATING RESOURCES

- National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-888-373-7888
- Call Local Law Enforcement
- The Lighthouse, Gaston County Children's
Advocacy Center: 704- 862-6761
- Gaston County Child Abuse Hotline:
704-862-7555
- The National Center for Missing and
Exploited Children, NetSmartz
- Shared Hope International
- NC Human Trafficking
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