



LESSON 6

Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking Information Sheet

Risk factors of becoming a target of human traffickers:

- Runaways
- Living in poverty
- School dropout or truancy
- Lack of job opportunities – unemployment
- Low self-esteem
- Social isolation
- Substance abuse

How teens are targeted:

- Online and cell phones
- Shopping malls and common “hang-outs”
- Bus and train stations
- Peer recruiters

Physical, emotional, and behavioral indicators of human trafficking:

- Appears fearful or anxious
- Overly submissive, nervous, or tense
- Lack of eye contact
- Displays unusually anxious behavior or appears fearful at the mention of law enforcement
- Appears to be a poor health or does not seek medical attention when it is needed
- Appears undernourished or malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse
- Has marks indicating physical restraint or confinement
- Branding or tattoos that have the name or nick name of the traffickers

Common living and working conditions:

- Unable to leave or to come and go
- Working for little or no pay, or paid only with tips
- Working extremely long and/or unusual hours
- Not allowed to take a break
- Working with excessive restrictions
- Owning the employer large amounts of money and being unable to repay the debt
- Recruited with false promises regarding the type or work, living conditions, and working conditions
- High security measures at the work site and/or the living locations, such as boarded up or covered windows, security bars, security cameras, barbed wire fences
- Signs of drug addiction
- Having a “manager” or “pimp” in a commercial sex industry

How to Get Help:

- Tell a trusted adult
- Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) Hotline at 888-373-7888
- Text HELP to “BeFree” (233-733) to be connected with the NHTRC Hotline
- Call the Florida Abuse Hotline at 800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)
- Call 911 to reach local law enforcement
- Call the US Department of Justice at 888-428-7581