

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHAT IS IT?



Trading a sexual act or photo for something valuable (like a place to sleep, money, drugs, food) is known as Sex Trafficking when you are under the age of 18.

Being forced to work without getting paid or owing your employer money to work is Labor Trafficking.

Human Trafficking is a crime that can happen to anyone.

WHERE CAN YOU GET HELP?

Online:



malesurvivor.org



iamjasminestrong.com

If you or a loved one needs help, caring people are available. If you suspect human trafficking, report it.

San Diego County Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-344-6000 or call any police or sheriff's department

National Human Trafficking Hotline

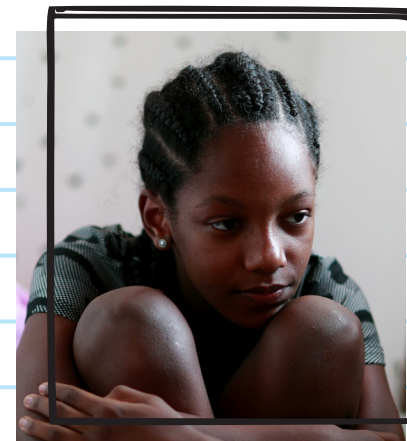
1-888-373-7888 or Text: "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

800-843-5678 or cybertipline.org



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**THE LIFE,
THE GAME,**

**THE TRUTH ABOUT
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**YOUTH
BROCHURE**

"You don't want this pain to continue and yet this person is telling you that they love you."

- SURVIVOR

WHAT CAN HUMAN TRAFFICKING LOOK LIKE?

Kami is 16 years old. Her partner, Jay, is disappointed with the amount she makes from her retail job. Jay has always been there for her when she had no one. When Jay asks her to dress sexy and “take care” of his friends, she is shocked and confused. He convinces her that he is cool with her having sex with others and that she must help him build their future together. She hates doing what he asks and wants to stop, but Jay threatens to leave her. One day, Kami’s coworker notices that Kami is upset after getting out of a car driven by someone he has never seen before. The coworker tells her that he is worried about her and that he is not here to judge her. After Kami shares what has been happening, the coworker realizes that Kami is a victim of sex trafficking. He helps Kami find help.



DJ is 14 years old. He falls asleep in class and has several unexcused absences. His teacher tells DJ that he is concerned about him and asks how he can help him attend class regularly. DJ reluctantly tells his teacher that he works from 10pm to 6am every night cleaning machinery to help pay rent. He is too tired to attend school. The teacher is concerned about DJ’s work interfering with school and notifies the school social worker. The social worker speaks to DJ, and DJ refuses to work less hours. The social worker said that there are organizations that can help with his family with bills. He confesses that he had lied about why he works. He then discloses that he does not get paid, but he must keep working to keep his family safe from his employer. The social worker recognizes that DJ is a victim of labor trafficking and provides him with help.

Human trafficking can present itself in many different ways. These two scenarios do not represent the complex and varied experiences of every human trafficking survivor.

PROTECT YOURSELF. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF...

...someone you met online wanted to meet in person?

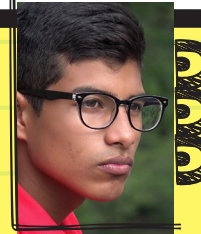
...someone offered you money for a picture of your body?

...someone offered you an opportunity that sounded too good to be true?

Talk to trusted friends and adults to recognize when someone is trying to trick you. Traffickers can be anyone.

Do You Know Someone Who May Be Experiencing These Warning Signs?

- Missing school frequently
- History of running away
- New or multiple cellphones
- New or expensive items purchased by someone else
- Signs of drug use
- Disinterest in activities previously cared about
- Sexually explicit social media profiles
- Older or controlling partner
- Knowledge of “the life” or “the game” and its slang



TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!

Pay attention to your inner voice especially when:

Talking to people you do not know in online chat and gaming rooms

Relationships that must be kept secret

People hanging around school who don’t attend

People buying you expensive gifts

People telling you who to be friends with, how to dress, and how to act

FACTS ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- Being obsessed with one another is not part of being in love.
- Violence is not an acceptable part of a relationship.
- It is not normal to ask your partner for permission to go somewhere or buy something.
- Sex is not an obligation in a relationship.

Do these facts surprise you? Is your relationship healthy?

Take the Healthy Relationship Quiz!

