

TRAFFICKED TEENS



Children as Young as 11 Years Old Are Being SOLD for SEX in the US

Myth: Sex trafficking doesn't happen here

Fact: An estimated 16,000-25,000 women and children are trafficked each day in the Chicagoland area

Myth: All traffickers are "strangers"

Fact: A trafficker can be someone you know or your family knows. Kids are recruited on the internet, in schools, in parks, at malls. Any child is vulnerable

Myth: I would know if my child was at risk

Fact: A child may be living at home, attending school and **STILL BEING SOLD FOR SEX**

If you suspect someone is being trafficked or you want more information

**CALL: 888-373-7888 or
TEXT: INFO or HELP to 233-733 (Be Free)**

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center toll-free hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Calls are anonymous and confidential.

SIGNS A CHILD COULD BE A VICTIM

Red Flags for parents, teachers, coaches and family members

- Unexplained gifts, jewelry or cell phones
- A controlling boyfriend or relationship
- Vague and inconsistent stories about activities and whereabouts
- Marked changes in behavior and speech
- Hidden phone/computer communications
- Online presence indicates sexual activity
- Chronically runs away from home
- Unexplained absences from school

Red Flags for medical personnel, service providers and the public

- Claims to be an adult but has adolescent features
- Won't make eye contact
- Shows signs of abuse or neglect
- Responses and IDs controlled by someone else
- Appears afraid, depressed, nervous, defensive
- "Branded" with unexplained tattoo
- Indicates or implies has engaged in sex for money

If you see any number of these signs
DO NOT INTERVENE DIRECTLY

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