

# Parents' Guide To Recognizing Signs of Human Trafficking

**EVERY 40 SECONDS, A CHILD GOES MISSING IN THE U.S.**  
[WWW.FACTRETRIEVER.COM-HUMAN-TRAFFICKING-FACTS](http://WWW.FACTRETRIEVER.COM-HUMAN-TRAFFICKING-FACTS)



**SURVIVORS ROCK**  
*they dance in the rain*

*"I know that together, we can do something about it."*

*Tony Kirwan, Destiny-Resource Foundation*

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## INTRODUCTION

# Survivors Rock



Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking. The chilling truth is that twenty-seven percent of all human trafficking victims worldwide are children, and two out of every third child victim are girls. Human trafficking is a brutal animal. It causes children to drop out of school, risk their lives, and deprives them of what every child deserves – a future.

“The Fight Against Child Trafficking.”  
<https://www.savethechildren.org>

Survivors Rock’s overall goal is to work with parents and the public to enhance their knowledge of human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children. Additionally, we work with and assist victims of human trafficking and other criminal acts of abuse through the most defeating phase of their life. We help them regain their self-worth, reset the buttons to their future, rebuild and move forward.

Blessings,

*Dr. Annie McClain, CEO & Founder of Survivors Rock*



# SIX WAYS PARENTS CAN PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM SEX TRAFFICKING

- **SET HIGH STANDARD OF “LOVE“ IN YOUR HOME**- Tell your children you love them and demonstrate how you exhibit love for your husband or wife. Teach them how important it is to love themselves first; teach them how and why they should love themselves. Help them understand the difference between real love and pretend love.
- **TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE**- According to the US Department of Justice, a sexual assault occurs every two minutes. Twenty-nine percent are twelve to seventeen years of age. Have conversations about sex and appropriate touching with your children. Please talk about the parts of their body that are off-limits because it is essential to their safety. And, your child must understand that they can tell you about anything or anyone that tries to hurt or harm them, even friends or family.
- **TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING**- Be specific when talking with your children about how sex traffickers target them. Roleplay specifically how they try to woo children like themselves with promises of a better life, promises of love and attention, or promises of nice things and trips. Explain to them that traffickers can be family members, male or female, classmates, neighbors, and traffickers may even use kids to recruit other kids.
- **DISCUSS THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA WITH YOUR CHILDREN**- Have discussions with your child about practical safety tips regarding the Internet. Talk extensively about the information they should not put on social media. Talk about accepting Facebook requests from unknown people, NEVER share naked photos of themselves with anyone, and they are to tell a parent or a trusted adult if they feel threatened or uncomfortable online. Teach them that a “friend“ on Facebook is not the same thing as a friendship and not someone you met the day before.



# SIX WAYS PARENTS CAN PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM SEX TRAFFICKING

- **BE AWARE OF YOUR CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENT AND LISTEN TO THEM**-Monitor your children's social media accounts and look for ways to meet their friends, their parents, and those they hang out with. Be aware of the age difference in boyfriends, girlfriends, friendships that isolate your child from their family and friends. Beware of new items, like cell phones, new clothing items, or other items and ask how they acquired the items.
- **PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN FOR THE CHILD VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**-Sexual assault and trafficking are exhausting subjects for adults and children. Encourage them to act by praying for those who are enslaved. This allows children to acknowledge the suffering of young people trafficked while placing hope in a God who desires freedom for the oppressed. (<https://iwantrest.com/blog/6-ways-parents-can-protect-their-children-from-sex-trafficking>).



# Recommendations to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Human Trafficking

***Human and sex trafficking is a worldwide crime that operates from the supply and demand catchphrase, and it is not prejudiced! Whatever the demands, traffickers will supply. Everyone is vulnerable.***

- Don't ever post your full name, address, telephone number, or other people you know; share photos of friends and family in your social network profile.
- Limit access to your information only to the people closest to you, do not use networks to meet people because it can be very dangerous.
- Don't accept people as friends offering desirable jobs, especially if the work is outside of the city where you live.
- Never go alone to job interviews; ask a family member or friend to accompany you.
- Stay away from people who addressed you on the street and try to start a conversation with you.
- If you receive messages that seek to seduce you, excite you, threaten you, blackmail you, intimidate you, or with the promise to give you things that you like, talk about it with someone you trust, preferably with your parents' teachers or professors.
- .When surfing the net, report all types of abuse when there is a threat, or someone makes comments that are troublesome to you. Your action not only helps you but will protect other people who surf.



# Recommendations to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Human Trafficking

- Don't ever talk to strangers on the Internet, and do not activate your webcam with them.
- Flirting online with strangers can have serious consequences. Thus, you can never really know with whom you are interacting.
- Don't share pictures of you scarcely dressed or any kind with anyone over the Internet.
- Hold on to messages, emails, and all improper information. It can be used, if necessary, to report to the authorities.
- Do not allow access or accept friend invitations from strangers, although you think you are familiar with the school, club, or sports activity to which you belong.
- Do not information that can identify or reach you outside the Internet. For example, the places you regularly go, the day and time you do, when you are at home, or when you are alone.
- Create strong passwords: it must have at least eight characters; contain uppercase and lowercase letters, symbols, and punctuation marks; create it with a base in a phrase that you can remember easily, and change it frequently.

<https://lawtrack.com/recommendations-to-avoid-becoming-a-victim-of-human-trafficking.html>





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- If you are online feeling threatened or threatened by any person, or they show you something that makes you feel threatened, you must tell a person with whom you have confidence so they can inform the authorities. (<https://lawtrack.com>).

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# Indicators

Anyone with regular contact with children is in an excellent position to notice any changes in their behavior and physical signs that may indicate they are a victim of sexual exploitation. Traffickers are well versed in the grooming phase. They work diligently to gain their victim's trust. Unfortunately, it is difficult for children to recognize the abuse tactics. Therefore, they don't usually report the abuse.

**([https://www.proceduresonline.com/swc/cornwallscilly/p\\_ch\\_sexual\\_exploit.html#2.-who-is-at-risk](https://www.proceduresonline.com/swc/cornwallscilly/p_ch_sexual_exploit.html#2.-who-is-at-risk))**

Everyone, especially parents, should know and recognize critical indicators of traffickers. It is essential and guarantees that their child or another person is not experiencing sexual exploitation.

Some key indicators are:

- Unexplained money or gifts;
- Missing for a short or extended time during the school day;
- Being distressed or withdrawn when they return home;
- Pulling away from social media;
- Secrecy around new associations;
- Additional cell phones or concerning use of technology;



# Indicators

- Sexual health problems/unplanned pregnancies;
- Disclosure of rape/sexual assault but will not report;
- Change in temperament/emotional wellbeing;
- Drug or alcohol misuse;
- Involvement in criminal activity;
- Secretive behavior;
- Unexplained physical; injuries;

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The College of Policing identifies several methods that abusers use to coerce a child:

- Giving presents – especially during the grooming phase;
- Offering food treats;
- Giving rewards such as mobile phone top-ups/credit;
- Giving the child or young person attention;
- Offering false promises of love and affection;
- Offering false promises of opportunities; modeling, photography, acting;
- Supplying alcohol;
- Drugs – either supplying drugs to facilitate exploitation or a young person agrees to sexual exploitation as a means of paying off drug debt;
- Creating situations whereby a young person must pay off debt
- Mental manipulation;



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- Blackmail;
- Fear;
- Physical violence.

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# Blue Campaign Indicators

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has there been a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Does it appear that a juvenile is engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented or confused or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing? Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom they defer? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or with whom they talk?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?



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- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

**Every human trafficking situation is different. Therefore, the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking. ([www.dhs.gov-indicators-human-trafficking](http://www.dhs.gov-indicators-human-trafficking))**



# Red Flags: Indicating Possible Sex Trafficking

Human and sex trafficking occurs in plain sight. Yet, until evidence of trafficking shows up in our hometown or neighborhood, the public appears to give little or no thought to recognizing critical signs of the most inhumane international crime industry.

Nevertheless, the most important thing one can do to help curtail human trafficking is to recognize key indicators. It is the first step in identifying victims, saving lives, and helping punish traffickers.

<https://www.tayloring.com/blog/warning-signs-of-sex-trafficking/>

- No freedom to come and go at will
- Age 18 and providing commercial sex acts
- A pimp who may appear to be a significant other
- Working excessively long or unusual hours
- Security measures at their residence such as covered windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, and security cameras
- “Working“ from home with people frequently coming and going
- Experiences verbal or physical abuse by their significant other





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- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- A conversation about law enforcement raises fear and anxiety
- Substance abuse or addiction
- Signs of physical or sexual abuse
- Having few or no personal possessions
- Not having a bank account
- Having no actual address they can provide, or names of local friends or relatives
- Providing scripted, confusing, or inconsistent stories
- Providing scripted, confusing, or inconsistent stories
- Noticeable changes in appearance or making larger purchases without an explainable source of income
- Being tattooed with someone else's name that they are reluctant to explain



# Red Flags: Indicating Possible Sex Trafficking

Familiar places you are likely to encounter sex trafficking victims are:

- Strip clubs and surrounding areas
- On the street, appearing to be runaways or kids loitering
- Escort and dating services
- Online ads for dating
- Hotels, motels, apartments, massage parlors
- Traveling alone long distances to meet someone

<https://www.tayloring.com/blog/warning-signs-of-sex-trafficking/>



# Reporting

## **IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911**

*Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to:*

- **GET HELP** and connect with a service provider in your area;
- **REPORT A TIP** with information on potential human trafficking activity; or
- **LEARN MORE** by requesting training, technical assistance, or resources.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a toll-free hotline available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. The Hotline is not law enforcement or immigration authority

## **Call federal law enforcement directly to report suspected human trafficking activity and get help:**

- *U.S. Department of Homeland Security at **1-866-347-2423** 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year, or submit a tip online at [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips).*
- *Individuals can report suspicious criminal activity to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Tip Line by calling 1-802-872-6199.*



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- Go online and submit a tip to the FBI at <https://tips.fbi.gov/> , or call your local FBI office (you can get their number at <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/field-offices> .
- The State Department's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) investigates visa and passport fraud. Unfortunately, human trafficking often includes visa fraud. As a result, DSS works with its U.S. To report suspected human trafficking situations involving Diplomates, email a tip to email [TraffickingTips@state.gov](mailto:TraffickingTips@state.gov).

## **Call the following federal government lines for other assistance.**

Report suspected child prostitution activity to the CyberTipline:

- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, at 1-800-THE-LOST or [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) , 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888



# Summary

## **Together, we can do something about it ...**

You can help by remembering that human traffickers includes all genders and ethnic groups; they are not prejudiced; they supply the demand and are present in every country, state, city, hometown, and neighborhood. Knowing and recognizing critical indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and saving lives.

[Click Here](#) to request a Survivors Rock Indicators and How to Report Card.

# Resources

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Protect  
Our  
Children

Bo-Protecting Children from Trafficking and Modern Slavery  
[www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

Children's  
Society

Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation - The Children's Society

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Law Track

Recommendations to Avoid Becoming A Victim of Human Trafficking  
<https://lawtrack.com>).

Red Flags  
&  
Indicators

·Top 10 Sex Trafficking Red Flags and Indicators  
<https://cbs6albany.com/news/local/victims-advocate-explains-tactics-sex-traffickers-are-using-to-lure-teens>

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Who Is At  
Risk

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Sexual  
Exploitation

[https://www.proceduresonline.com/swc/cornwallscilly/p\\_ch\\_sexual\\_exploit.html#2.-who-is-at-risk](https://www.proceduresonline.com/swc/cornwallscilly/p_ch_sexual_exploit.html#2.-who-is-at-risk)

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[innovationshtc.org-red-flags-and-indicators-for](https://www.innovationshtc.org/red-flags-and-indicators-for)

Dallas  
News

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2019/02/24/how-to-spot-the-signs-of-sex-trafficking>

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Protect  
Your  
Children

<https://cbs6albany.com/news>

Human  
Trafficking

[https://www.birmingham.com>150-bil.](https://www.birmingham.com>150-bil)

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Tragic  
Facts

[www.factretriver.com-human-trafficking-facts](http://www.factretriver.com-human-trafficking-facts)

Save the  
Children

<https://www.savethechildren.org>

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