



Human Trafficking: What Your Community Needs to Know

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Photo source: <https://www.nicepic.com/search?q=the+girl+in+the+train+station&sort=aesthetic>



What is Human Trafficking?

BUYING, SELLING, or TRADING a person for sex and/or labor resulting in the payment of goods, services, or money to another person.

NO COMPENSATION TO VICTIM: participation is based in manipulation, lies, tricks, shame, and eventual force.

MODERN DAY SLAVERY: demeaning, degrading, & often life threatening.

Sources: Sex Trafficking of Children in the United States: Overview and Issues for Congress January 2015 & 2014-03-25 3 (LES-NF) Texas Human Trafficking Assessment 2014 & DMST Alternatives Report to 82nd Legislature & <https://www.chuckpaullllc.com/>



SEX TRAFFICKING; PROSTITUTION?

- If a person in “prostitution” is held in service through psychological manipulation or physical force
- OR
- If they are being exploited to pay off a debt
- OR
- If they are under threats of serious harm against them or someone they love
- OR
- They are being blackmailed for sex
- **THEY ARE A TRAFFICKING VICTIM!**



Source: <https://www.chuckpaullllc.com/>
Photo source: <http://twilivememe.info/human-trafficking-wallpapers/>



Grooming

- Capture attention
- Identification of how the victim gives and receives love
- Manipulate with;
 - lies
 - fake shared experiences/pain/loss
 - exaggerated emotional experiences
 - ENTICE/REPEL
 - isolation
 - constant threat of loss



Sources: Jahoda, M. (1977). *Freud and the Dilemmas of Psychology*. London: Hogarth Press & <https://www.chuckpaullc.com/>
 Photo: sources: <https://derekrake.com/>



“Why do they stay? Why don’t they leave?”

TRAUMA BONDING occurs when someone uses fear, sexual feelings and excitement to entrap someone else.

- The result of an alternating system of **rewards** and **punishments** to create an emotional bond
- The victim believes the Trafficker is the only person who “**loves**” them.



Sources: The International Institute for Trauma & Addiction Professionals Photo source: <https://onthewight.com/new-powers-help-police-protect-victims-domestic-violence-isle-wight/>



VICTIMS BECOME PROPERTY

- Traffickers “stamp” their victim, this is usually a tattoo on the shoulder, neck, or back, it is the traffickers “brand” or “logo”.
- Victims not allowed to communicate with other traffickers.



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VICTIM'S HEALTH

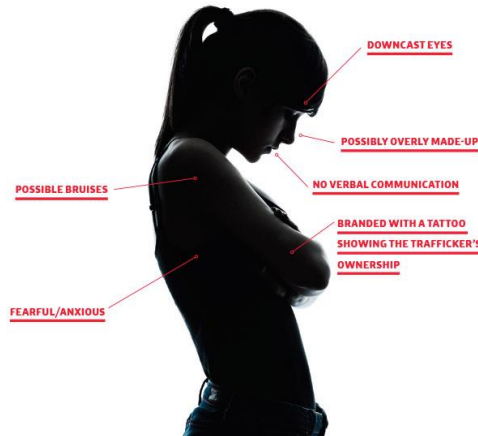
- Trafficked persons are often treated as disposable possessions (PROPERTY) without much attention given to their mental or physical health.
- Health problems include:
 - Malnutrition and dehydration
 - Sexually transmitted diseases
 - Bruising, cuts, and fractures
 - Infections
 - Post-traumatic stress and other psychological disorders

Sources: United States Department of Homeland security, blue campaign, identify a victim online resources; <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/identify-victim> & <https://www.chuckpaulllc.com/>



Know your ABCs

- A. APPEARANCE**
- B. BEHAVIOR**
- C. COMMUNICATION**



Source: <https://www.chuckpaullic.com/>

Photo source: <https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/how-c-stores-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/>



APPEARANCE

- dominating companion who maintains close physical contact
- burns, bruises, or cuts; tries to cover injuries with makeup or clothing
- Signs of poor hygiene, may look sick
- “Branding” tattoos (money symbols, bar codes, bunny ears, street names, black roses, “daddy”)
- Few or no personal items, identification controlled by a companion
- Clothing too sexual, wrong size, not appropriate for their age, the weather, location, or their route of travel

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BEHAVIOR

- fearful, timid, or submissive of companion
- unease where there is visible security or law enforcement
- when alone appears to be sad, afraid, withdrawn, or anxious
- substance abuse or alcohol abuse
- leans over food and eats quickly
- fixation on money
- does not make eye contact
- looks to a companion when asked a question

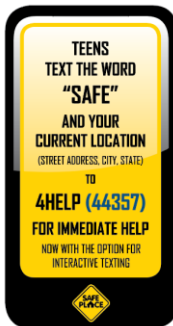
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COMMUNICATION

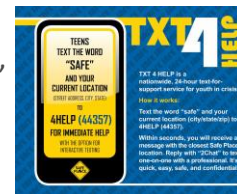
- defers any attempt at conversation to companion
- male companion refers to youth as girlfriend's child
- youth refers to companion as an aunt or uncle when there appears to be no biological relationship
- confusing or no details about where they have been, where they are going, or how they pay for things
- answers appear rehearsed, and they become nervous or angry if pressed for details
- claims to be working as a model, dancing, or hospitality job without knowing details

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TXT 4 HELP

TXT 4 HELP is a nationwide, 24-hour text-for-support service for teens in crisis. If you're in trouble or need help, text SAFE and your current location (address, city, state) to 4HELP (44357) for immediate help.



RMYA Centro Seguro Drop-In Center
3103 West Ave. San Antonio, Texas 78213
(210) 340-8090

- Center open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Youth age 18 or younger who are;
 - Homeless
 - Runaways
 - At-risk of Exploitation
 - Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Youth receive trauma-informed and evidence-based services in a non-judgmental and safe environment.





Family Counseling & Resource Center

- Individual and family counseling, short-term pediatric and adolescent psychiatric services, and parent education classes
- Counseling services for youth in RMYA programs
- Free initial assessments for youth and their family
- Day and evening hours
- Open six days a week and by appointment on Sundays



RMYA Emergency Services

- RMYA's Emergency Services programs include the Bridge Emergency Shelter and La Puerta Emergency Shelter
- Both shelters serve youth 24-hours a day in a structured setting for up to 90 days
- La Puerta focuses on trafficked youth and youth with high therapeutic needs due to trauma-induced behavioral and emotional issues.





RMYA Meadowland

- 6 long term residential cabins for youth ages 6-17 (4 males cabins & 2 females cabins)
- Serving youth with behavioral & emotional disorders that are a direct result of the trauma they endured
- Burdick Community Center
- Meadowland Charter School
- Educational/recreational complex
 - gymnasium & weight room
 - computer lab & library
 - jogging track, sports fields, basketball courts, swimming pool and pool house



Turning Point Transitional Living

- Transitional Housing for youth ages 18-24
- Youth aging out of foster care or abusive or neglectful homes and are ill equipped to adjust to life on their own
- Youth receive case management and life skills teaching them how to be an independent young adults
- Coordinated Entry for Federal Rapid Housing Assistance
- For more information call (210) 349-3610





National Human Trafficking Resource Center



After you report to the police, call the NHTRC hotline at;

1-888-373-7888; OR

Text details to the NHTRC at **BEFREE (233733)**

For more information

<http://traffickingresourcecenter.org>

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