

# Is There Human Trafficking in Your Community?

Look beneath the surface and gain the confidence to report suspicious activities!

**Trafficking is exploitation and coercion of labor or sex by a criminal. It's slavery... not a choice for making money nor a victimless crime.**

**Persons at risk of being trafficked: Runaways, homeless LGBTs, migrants, teens with addictive disorders or from dysfunctional foster care homes.** (Most foster care parents are extraordinary persons but some foster children are used to being "meal tickets" No one reports them missing. No one is looking for them.

10 Min. [C-Span Testimony in Senate](#)

**Popular places for traffickers: malls, [drug treatment centers](#), near shelters or teen hangouts and especially on the internet.** Perpetrators want to find minors who look "down on their luck". They often feign romantic interest and promise an exciting future. Labor Traffickers lure desperate migrants into domestic or agricultural [labor exploitation](#).

**Adult Classified Ads** target sex buyers and are indicators of human trafficking in your community. [New Measures to Fight Exploitation via the Internet](#)

**Social media, Cell phones and Gaming Devices** are used very effectively by traffickers to lure teens.

[Online Safety Tips](#)



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**How to Help:** Traffickers often tell their victims that they will be arrested, shamed or deported if they go to the police

**Nonetheless, ask your local police and agencies if there is any trafficking. What may be reported as child sexual assault can be sexual exploitation.**

We can help by **looking beneath the surface**, in airports, transportation centers for taxis, busses, ferries or anyplace teens frequent. **Children do not need IDs when traveling** so you may see a child that's being smuggled or trafficked in transit.

**Minors involved in prostitution are victims not criminals!**  
See this explanation of [Safe Harbor Laws](#) to protect minors!

For help, to report suspicious activity or get more information call:  
888.3737.888, Text BEFREE (233733) Text "Help", "Info" or [Live Chat](#)  
[National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) or Call 911  
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