



4 SIGNS TO WATCH FOR

to prevent child trafficking



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BEING CONTROLLED

young people with someone who seems to be controlling them. For example, holding their ID, money or phone or who speaks for them or orders them around



AVOIDANT OR WITHDRAWN

young people who avoid eye contact or who seem afraid, paranoid, or mentally shut down



3

SIGNS OF ABUSE

young people who have bruises, cuts, broken bones or who appear exhausted, malnourished or who have bad hygiene



4

UNAWARE OF SURROUNDINGS OR SITUATION

young people who appear to be out of it, unaware of their surroundings, or who don't know the name of the person they're with, where they've been or where they're going, or who talk about unrealistic plans for the future such as becoming an actress and making lots of money

HAVE THE COURAGE TO ACT

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call the National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-3737-888 or text a photo to **233733**
24/7/365 in multiple languages

DO NOT CONFRONT - DO NOT INVESTIGATE - DO NOT INTERVENE OR RESCUE

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KNOW THE TRUTH

Child trafficking is a heinous crime. It is child abuse for the profit and entertainment of others.

The average age of child trafficked in U.S. is 12.

Traffickers and buyers can look like you and I.

Traffickers pretend to love and care for the young person.

It is important to report suspicions so that trained law enforcement officers can investigate. When citizens intervene, victims can be hurt, perpetrators can get away, and it can be more difficult to get a conviction.

Any child anywhere is a potential victim. Traffickers often prey on vulnerable young people from fractured families, in unstable housing, who live in poverty, who have been victims of neglect, abandonment or other abuse.

Human trafficking has become one of the largest criminal enterprises because criminals can sell drugs or guns once, but they can sell a child over and over again.

The life expectancy of a child being sold for sex has been estimated at 7 years.

Special needs and non verbal children are especially vulnerable because they cannot tell or won't be believed.

Educating everyone on the 4 signs of possible trafficking and the 1 responsible action to take is one way we can prevent child trafficking.

