



HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION



Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. It is the exploitation of men, women, and children for forced labor or sex by a third-party for profit or gain. Which includes the commercial sexual exploitation of children, child labor trafficking, adult sex trafficking, and adult labor trafficking.

- Traffickers can be anyone. Any gender, race, age, profession. It can be a family member, love interest, friend, classmate, neighbor, employer, etc. The trafficker is usually known to the victim.
- Anyone can be a victim. Any gender, age, race, nationality, social class, etc.

If you or your child are victimized:

- Move to a safe location
- Call 911
- Seek medical attention if warranted

If you suspect human trafficking:

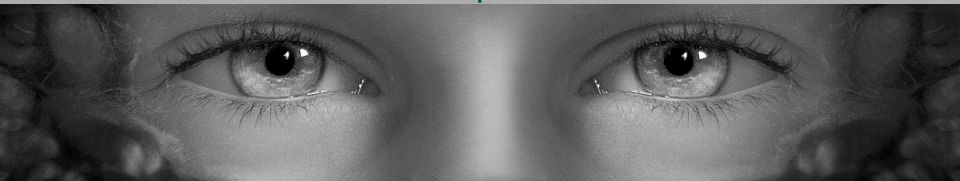
- Contact our Human Trafficking hotline: 832-927-1650

What to watch for...

- Random people sending you private messages
- Random people commenting on your posts/videos
- Anyone offering you money
- Someone offering you modeling jobs
- Unfairly required to pay more than initially agreed upon
- Sextortion – someone using inappropriate images of you against you
- Being pressured to do something you do not feel comfortable with such as drugs, drinking, taking inappropriate images, sexual activity
- “Friends” normalizing illegal activity

Parents should look for:

- Unexplained injuries/bruises
- Appearance of expensive items/clothes/accessories
- Excess money you did not give your child
- New friends
- If your child becomes secretive
- Skipping school and/or decreasing grades
- A change in dress and appearance to a more provocative and revealing look
- Multiple phones
- Hotel keys/cards
- Fake IDs
- Isolation from family
- Disassociating with longtime friends
- Withdrawing from hobbies and interests



Prevention...

- Do not ask for help online – ever! Traffickers will prey on vulnerabilities.
- Do not respond to questionable private messages from random strangers and people you do not know well.
- Ignore flattering comments from random strangers.
- Be cautious of new friends and acquaintances.
- If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Do not let anyone track your location including Snap Maps.
- Educate yourself on how to help eradicate the exploitation of children and adults!

Parents

- Know who your teen is communicating/playing with online.
- Familiarize yourself with new friends.
- Monitor online activity Ex: bark or Qustodio.
- Discuss pornography with your child.
- Model and discuss healthy relationships with your teens.
- Charge internet-ready devices for your child overnight.
- Set rules and expectations early on.
- Connect with your child Ex: technology-free meals.
- Do not stop conversing with your teen – make time for them.



Dispatch 713-755-7628



@pct1constable



@Precinct1Constable



@Pct1Constable