

YOU CAN PREVENT *child trafficking*



Protect yourself by knowing the 5 tricks.
Protect little kids by knowing the 4 signs.
Be the one by knowing the 1 thing to do.



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WHAT TO DO



SPEAK UP

Traffickers rely on kids staying quiet. Don't do it! Speak up. Tell a trusted person. You can report anonymously by calling or texting the national hotline number. You could be saving a life! Do it!

**Text 233733 or
Call 888-373-7888**

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LEARN THE **5** TRICKS OF
Traffickers

WATCH OUT FOR TRICKY PEOPLE!



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Trick #1



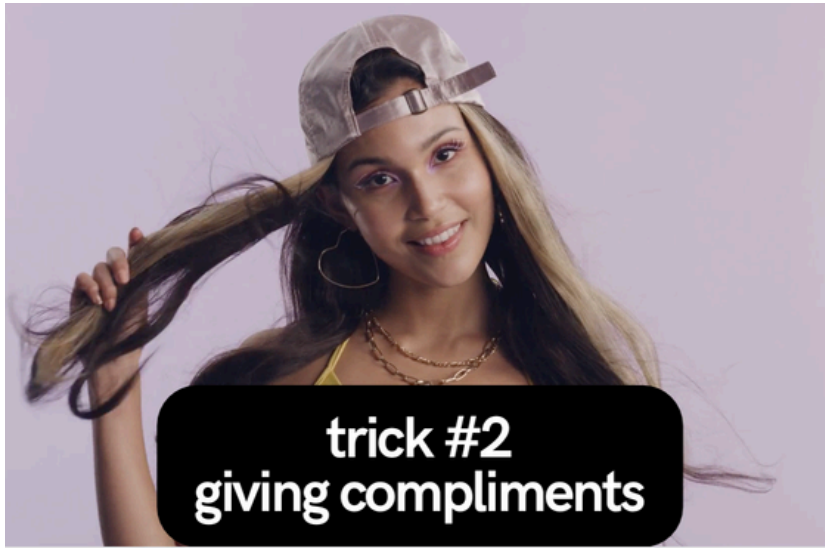
trick #1
giving gifts

GIVING GIFTS

Traffickers pretend like they care by giving free clothes, food, or anything that makes you feel good in the moment. This is often used as bait to make you feel indebted or dependent on them.

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Trick #2

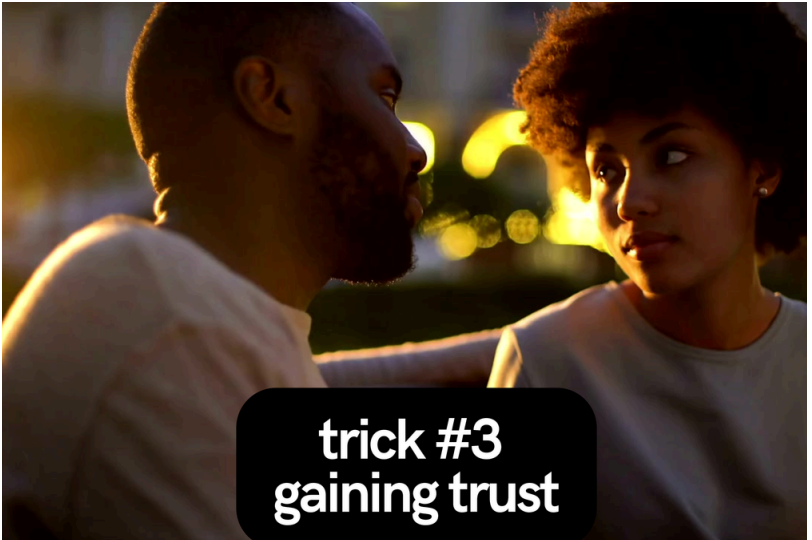


GIVING COMPLIMENTS

Traffickers often act like friends or “mentors” who give attention, say flattering words, or offer to help. They slowly draw you in with what seems like kindness.

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Trick #3



GAINING TRUST

People who feel unloved, ignored, or invisible are more likely to respond to someone who seems to care. Traffickers identify and exploit vulnerabilities to gain control.

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Trick #4



**trick #4
keeping from
friends and family**

KEEPING YOU MIA

Traffickers try to isolate young people from friends and family saying things like, “*they don’t understand you.*” What’s really happening is that by keeping you from friends and family, they can more easily control you.

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Trick #5



CONTROLLING

Traffickers try to be your only source of friendship, affection and support. Over time, they manipulate that trust to isolate you and emotionally control you so they can appear to be the one who “saves” you.

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THE **4** SIGNS OF POSSIBLE **child trafficking**

WATCH OUT FOR LITTLE KIDS



By knowing the 4 most common signs of a child being trafficked and by understanding how traffickers use tricks to lure kids in, you'll be stronger, smarter, and better prepared to recognize danger and protect yourself and others.

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4 SIGNS TO WATCH FOR

to prevent child trafficking



1 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



2 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



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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Safe Place offers quick help and support for young people in need.

Look for the yellow and black sign in schools, fire stations, police stations, libraries, Terrible Herbst gas stations or any business with Safe Place sign. Learn more at www.nationalsafeplace.org



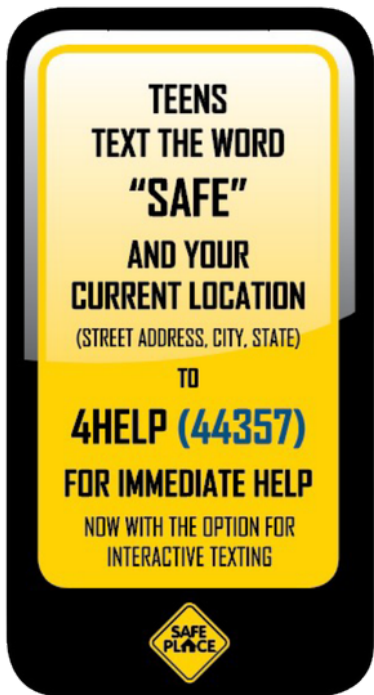
4 WAYS TO GET HELP WITH SAFE PLACE:

1 walk into one of the hundreds of designated locations

2 hop on a bus for a free ride to a Safe Place site

3 call the toll-free crisis hotline at 1-866-U-ARE-SAFE (1-866-827-3723) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

4 text "SAFE" and your current location (*address, city, state*) to 4HELP (44357) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Any Safe Place location will help youth in crisis connect with local services or shelters.

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MY SAFETY PLAN

People I can call or talk to for help:

- _____
- _____
- _____



How I can take care of myself:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

My strengths:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

What has helped me
in the past:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Advice I would give a friend:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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.



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WHAT'S NEXT



LEARN MORE

If you want to take the next step in protecting yourself and others against predators, take the 5-module, video Power Over Predators course. It's free, it's powerful, and it's available to you right now at www.poweroverpredators.org

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TAKE ACTION



TEENS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

You can be the one who launches Teens Against Trafficking in your school, group, or neighborhood. We will provide you with a resource guide that you can use to talk about the truth of trafficking, stories of survivors *and those who didn't survive*, and how your group can stop it.

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**Together we can get to kids
before traffickers do.**

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