



Project Liberty
Stopping Human
Trafficking

1. We search, identify, locate and assist in the rescue/recovery and advocacy of victims and potential victims of **Human Trafficking**.
2. We cooperate with all levels of Law Enforcement.
3. We research and share valuable information to assist in apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators.

Emergence call
911
National Human
Trafficking Hot Line
888-373-7888

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517-331-1415

Be less of a TARGET



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OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

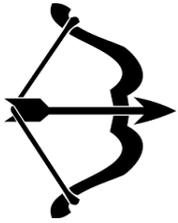
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One Victim @ a Time



Human Trafficking has become ramped in the United States. No one is completely immune to becoming a victim but the youth can be more aware of the following to help themselves **be less of a target**. There is no stereotype for traffickers and what they look like. They are in all walks of life and careers, all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Education and awareness for protection is vital. Sometimes trust your inner voice!

Be Less of a TARGET!

- Traffickers want you to believe False Promises of a Better Life, New Job, Education or Fame. Thoroughly check it out!
- Don't fall for unrealistically making lots of money.
- Watch out for the BAIT. Traffickers will quickly want to befriend you with understanding and immediately "falling madly in love" with you and displays lots of affection and attention.
- Traffickers want to gain your trust and loyalty in the beginning with special gifts, some expensive, some not. Then the cruelty and horrors begin. Bait and switch! It's called Grooming!



- Be aware of your online "friends". Predators troll the social media pretending to be someone they are not. Many victims were recruited from social media apps (especially pictures) then trapped in the horrors of human trafficking. Remember never display openly your address, phone#, or at times your school on the Internet.
- Do NOT go to meet someone you have met on line and is "sweet talking" or threatening you and is pushing for you to meet and not tell anyone. Do tell someone or report it. Always let someone know where you are.
- Be alert and in control of yourself at all times when out at a party or restaurant, the mall, theater or school. Be aware and take note of your surroundings. Watch for drugs and alcohol.
- Don't accept rides with people you don't know from a party (or anywhere) especially if they are pressuring you. Always let someone know where you are or will be.
- Never leave your drink unattended (by you), ever, when out with others. When possible get a drink with a lid or cap on it. Often traffickers will put drugs in a drink to control you.
- Runaways many times are having a struggle with home life... but living on the street is NOT the answer. Traffickers prey on the runaways who are vulnerable and become throwaways. DON'T BECOME ONE OF THEM! Find a trusted adult to talk with. Call 800-runaway if you need help.



- Always stand up for yourself! Be confident in who you are. Know that you are Valuable and have tremendous Self Worth. Guard against peer pressure to do something you don't want to or know you shouldn't.
- Hold your head up while walking or riding in vehicles. Be careful of always being on the cell phone or electronics looking down. Pay attention!
- Body language is important to a trafficker. They approach the "down and out", the vulnerable, those who lack self esteem, problems at home or school. It may show in the way you carry yourself.
- Don't fall for fake compliments of "you have beautiful eyes", "you could be a model", "can I take your picture" or "send me your picture", "you are soooo pretty", especially from strangers. Walk or run away quickly!
- Many victims know their traffickers and are easily influenced and persuaded because of that. If possible stay away from anyone you are uncomfortable around. You are not the blame. Don't keep the secret. Tell someone... a parent, but if the parent is the abuser you must tell a teacher, pastor, a trusted adult.

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