

# Prevent it. Stop it.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING



TRAFFICKERS CAN BE

## ANYWHERE



WORK



SCHOOL



PARKS



SOCIAL  
MEDIA

## ANYONE



BOSS



FRIEND



BOYFRIEND/  
GIRLFRIEND



FAMILY  
MEMBERS

## TRAFFICKERS ARE **NOT USUALLY STRANGERS**

**Traffickers often prey on vulnerable teenagers who don't have adults looking out for them.**

It usually takes time for a trafficker to gain a victim's trust. Teenagers think they are making a choice, but really they aren't. The trafficker is manipulating them.

- Watch out for "new" friends who offer gifts, money, shelter or affection — it's not normal for people you barely know to be "extra friendly"
- Promising "too-good-to-be-true" job opportunities, relationships or adventures is another way they trap you
- Be aware of people asking you to help with random tasks like giving a ride to someone you don't know or recruiting friends to do weird work

### What traffickers do to their victims

- Attempt to isolate them away from trusted friends and family
- Use threats or displays of violence to gain physical and mental control
- Recruit them to do unreasonable work
- Force them to work or perform acts against their will

**DON'T BE A TARGET OF TRAFFICKING.**

**ASK FOR HELP. YOU ARE WORTH IT.**

#### TELL SOMEONE

Speak with a school administrator or a trusted adult.

#### FOR EMERGENCIES

Dial 911

#### COMMON THREAD (TEXAS)

<https://commonthread.net/>

Call: 1-888-8-THREAD (1- 888-884-7323)

#### NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE

[www.1800runaway.org](http://www.1800runaway.org)

Call: 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929)

#### NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

[www.humantraffickinghotline.org](http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)

Call: 1-888-373-7888

Text "HELP" or "INFO" to BEFREE or 233733

[help@humantraffickinghotline.org](mailto:help@humantraffickinghotline.org)

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