

Playing it S.A.F.E.



Human Trafficking: When someone is using another person for the purpose of sex or forced labor, an act of exchanging money or something like housing or drugs for someone to be used in a sexual manner (inappropriate photos, sexual assault, etc.). Traffickers can be professional, someone you consider a friend, romantic partner, or family member.

Why Don't Victims of Human Trafficking Ask for Help?

- Victims blame themselves.
- A victim may have deep feelings of loyalty and “love” for the trafficker.
- The victim fear for their own, or a loved one’s safety.
- Victims may be fearful of law enforcement.

Signs a Friend Might Be a Victim of Human Trafficking

Your friend:

- Is dating an older person who “gives you the creeps” and is super secretive about him/her.
- Gets lots of expensive presents or has unexplained cash.
- Is really depressed, nervous, angry, or tense.
- Misses a lot of school or drops out of school.
- Runs away a lot and avoids friends/family.
- Starts drinking or doing drugs.
- Has a 2nd cell phone or you find hotel room keys.

What Can You Do?

- Let your friend know what happened was *NOT THEIR FAULT*.
- Encourage your friend to tell a grownup who can help them
- Encourage your friend to see a counselor for support

****If you suspect a friend is a victim of human trafficking, contact the National Human**

Trafficking Hotline at

1.888.373.7888**

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