



End sex trafficking.

ARIZONA HUMAN
TRAFFICKING COUNCIL

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“Sex trafficking occurs when someone uses **force, fraud** or **coercion** to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act.”

“A commercial sex act includes **prostitution, pornography** and **sexual performance** done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food or clothes.”¹



1 in 3

teens on the street will be lured into trafficking within **48 hours** of leaving home.²



1 in 4

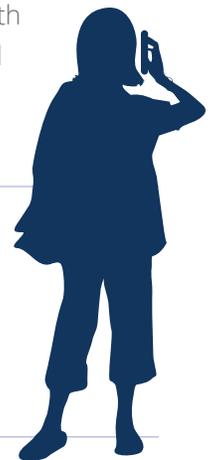
homeless young adults have experienced sex trafficking.

! Recognizing Victims

- Running away/couch surfing
- Sudden possession of expensive clothing, purses, or electronics
- Sudden change in dress/appearance
- Surprising change in friendships/relationships
- Uncharacteristically promiscuous behavior
- Signs of physical abuse
- Sexually transmitted infection/disease
- Use of terminology like “the game,” “the life,” “daddy,” “manager,” “date/trick”
- Presence of, or reference to, older boyfriend
- Gang affiliation

The **average age** of entry for youth into sex trafficking is **14 years old in Arizona.**³

Only **1-2%** of human trafficking victims are ever identified.⁴



Victims are typically **U.S. citizens**, including adults, girls, boys, and transgender youth.⁵

Sex Trafficking Victims Are ⁶

01 Targeted

Traffickers “shop” for their victims online, in shopping malls, bus stops, schools, after-school programs, foster homes and other places where teens gather.

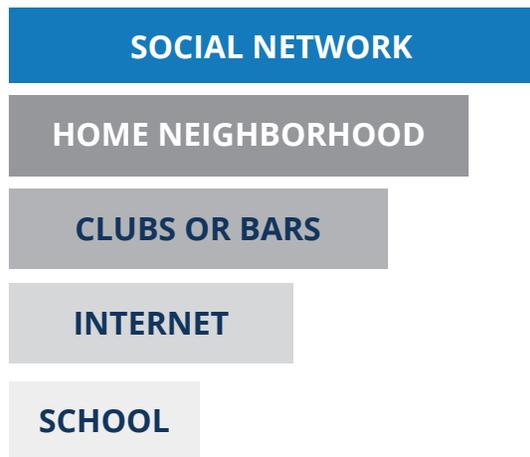
02 Tricked

Traffickers invest a lot of time and effort in forming a bond with their victim. They often buy gifts, provide a place to stay, and give affection before revealing their true intent to sexually exploit them.

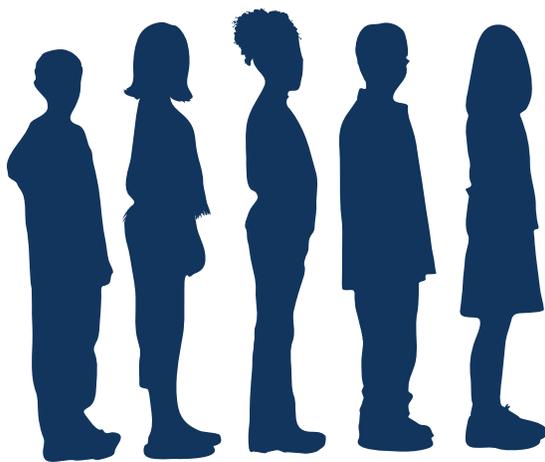
03 Traumatized

The trafficker’s use of psychological manipulation, physical violence and rape can make the victim feel trapped and powerless. Victims may not recognize that they are victims, and may not ask for help.

Traffickers find victims through:



And lure them through promises of: ⁷



Prevention Strategies

- 1. Communicate**
Talk with your children about sex trafficking. Discuss ways children and teens are targeted for sex trafficking.
- 2. Educate Yourself**
Know the warning signs and become a knowledgeable and credible resource.
- 3. Build Community**
Educate friends and family members about sex trafficking.

1. SharedHope.org

2. ASU Sex Trafficking and Intervention Research (STIR)

3. National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)

4. ibid

5. ibid

6. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

7. SharedHope.org

Resources

"If you believe a person is in immediate danger, call 911. It is far better to report suspicious activity than to overlook a trafficking situation."

Call 911

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

traffickingresourcecenter.org/

1-888-373-7888 or text 'HELP' or 'INFO' to 233733

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

missingkids.com

1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)



Keep the conversation going

- **Learn** the warning signs so that you can help identify a potential victim.
- **Volunteer** or support a local organization working on the issue.
- **Speak** to your family, friends and co-workers about sex trafficking.
- **Monitor** the media to ensure consistent, responsible and helpful coverage.
- **Advocate** for victims by supporting efforts like the Arizona Human Trafficking Council.
- **Learn** from a survivor by going to EndSexTrafficking.AZ.gov
- **Encourage** your local schools to educate students about sex trafficking.
- **Report** sex trafficking by calling 1-888-373-7888 or 1-800-843-5678.

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