

THESE ARE THE TELLTALE SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Unexplained gifts, jewelry or cell phones
- A controlling boyfriend or relationship
- Vague and inconsistent stories about activities and whereabouts
- Marked changes in behavior and speech
- Avoiding eye contact or appearing ashamed
- Online presence indicative of sexual activity
- Chronically running away from home
- Unexplained school absences
- Disconnected from family, friends and community
- Special marked tattoos

If you see the signs,
DO NOT INTERVENE DIRECTLY.
Seek Professional Help.

CALL: 911

CALL: 1-888-3737-888

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline

TEXT: BeFree (233-733)

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www.211-broward.org
Dial: 211

Fort Lauderdale Police Department
954-764-HELP

www.polarisproject.org

www.bhtc.us

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**Human Trafficking
of children is
a serious problem
right here
in Broward County**

Know how to recognize the signs

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WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human Trafficking is a heinous crime. It is modern day slavery, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation. It is a crime that is largely unseen and underreported, yet there are thousands of sex trafficking victims right here in South Florida.

IS YOUR CHILD A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Be aware, human trafficking is not just an international problem, it is an issue seen across the United States. Florida ranks third in the nation for recorded human trafficking cases, and it happens right here in Broward County.

The average age of a victim of sex trafficking is only 13 years old. Children are being recruited at school by their peers and even their friends' parents. The face of human trafficking is one that is seen every day. Human trafficking does not discriminate against race, color, gender or economic background. Do you know who your child is playing with? Do you know the family of his or her friends?

AWARENESS IS KEY

- Know where your children are and what they are doing
- Know your children's friends and their families
- Talk to your children
- Monitor social media, phones and internet use
- Know that children with a history of abuse or neglect are at higher risk
- Know that substance and alcohol use or abuse also puts them at risk

A child may live at home and attend school and still be sex trafficked!

It is estimated that 76% of transactions for sex with underage girls start on the internet.

**Florida Ranks 3rd in the Nation
for Human Trafficking**

BROWARD COUNTY DATA

- In 2014, 82% of all youth victims of human trafficking in Broward County were community children (non-DCF dependent youths) from ALL walks of life and ALL socioeconomic classes
- Only 18% of youth victims were dependent children in some form of foster care

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS

- Human trafficking is not a choice
- A person cannot consent to be enslaved
- Victims want to escape but cannot
- Human trafficking is not smuggling
- Smuggling is transportation, trafficking is exploitation
- Human trafficking does not require that a victim be moved over state or international borders
- Human trafficking is a \$32 billion global industry

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