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HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

Child trafficking is a form of abuse and it happens more often than people realize. It happens in every city, state, community, and neighborhood. The best way to protect youth from trafficking is to educate them about what it is, how it happens, and how to minimize their risk. Childhelp has a **Human Trafficking Prevention module** with lessons for youth in grades 6 - 12 that can help.

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Any exploitation of a minor (anyone under 18) for sexual purposes is considered trafficking and does not require force, fraud, or coercion.

Human trafficking, including sex trafficking, is a growing risk for children and teens in the United States so it is vital for all youth to understand trafficking, grooming, and prevention strategies.

The Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe curriculum teaches youth how to recognize, resist, and speak up about any type of abuse. This added module helps build on those core lessons with specific human trafficking scenarios, personal safety skills, and prevention strategies.



It is recommended that the human trafficking module be used in addition to the core SUBS lessons, but it can be used independently.

FACTS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Human trafficking affects more than 27 million people globally.
- Trafficking includes forced labor, commercial sex, forced criminal activity, and debt bondage.
- 1 in 4 victims of trafficking worldwide are children.
- Within sex trafficking, 78% of victims are women and girls and 22% are men and boys.
- The crime of trafficking does not have to involve movement of the victim. Trafficking can happen in someone's own city or even their own home.

Sources:

- *ILO, Walk Free, & IOM. Global Estimates of Modern Slavery: Forced Labour and Forced Marriage (2022)*
- *UNODC. Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (2024)*

Features & Benefits

- Included at no cost with the purchase of SUBS for middle or high school.
- Developed with guidance and resources from renowned anti-trafficking experts and with input from youth and educators.
- Provides background information for educators about human trafficking risks and prevention.
- Includes fully scripted lessons for middle and high school youth, with embedded videos, interactive discussion activities, and scenarios that show how trafficking can happen and how to avoid it.
- Offers resources on how and where to get help.

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