

1 in 6 runaway children is likely to be a sex trafficking victim.

1/5 of identified human trafficking victims are children; there are at least 20,000 victims under the age of 18 in the U.S.

Over 50% of trafficked girls are between the ages of 15-17.

40% of trafficked boys are under the age of 12.

**The average life expectancy of a victim after they enter the world of trafficking is 7-10 years, and death usually results from homicide, suicide, communicable diseases, overdose, and addiction.**

The average time an individual is trafficked is 2 years for adults and 2.2 years for youth.

**In 2020, 42% of victims were brought into trafficking by a member of their own families, and 39% were recruited via an intimate partner or a marriage proposition.**

## How can you help? Look for signs of human trafficking.

Living conditions are poor, cohabitates with multiple people (or with older friend/employer)

## Replies to questions with seemingly scripted answers

Owens a second "secret" phone

Is newly attached to an older individual, usually male, who exhibits characteristics of a groomer (gift-giving, frequent check-ins, exaggerated attentiveness, etc.)

Is under 18 and engaged in prostitution

Shows signs of physical abuse

Suddenly has expensive items, especially gifts from an older "friend"

Is submissive and fearful

Is unable to speak freely or alone



**No matter how uncomfortable you are, if you see something,  
say something. Contact the National Human Trafficking  
Hotline: 24 hours, 7 days a week: 888-373-7888  
SMS: Text INFO to 233733**



## Whom do traffickers target?

Children in the welfare system; runaway and homeless youth; those in poverty who have limited safe housing; young adults who are on the fringe of social groups and struggle socially, who have limited English proficiency, or who lack immigration status

**For your own safety, never confront a suspected trafficker or victim of human trafficking. Report it!**

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