



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What you **NEED** to know



Like most criminals, traffickers are using the pandemic as a way to capitalize. Traffickers are using social media and video games more than ever to “groom” vulnerable young girls. Know the facts!

Human trafficking is the action or practice of illegally transporting people from one country or area to another, typically for the purposes of forced labor or sexual exploitation.

Most traffickers meet target vulnerable young girls on social media, video games, in the mall, or group homes.

The average age of a female victim of human trafficking is 14 years old.

Traffickers use **grooming** to manipulate young girls into human trafficking. The actions may look different but the steps are always the same: gain the victims trust, provide needs, isolate

After traffickers befriend young girls, they start the grooming process that can take a year to a year and a half.

There are different types of traffickers, but all will use something a victim will be dependent upon: lavish gifts, drugs, or even flattery.



WARNING SIGNS



has an “older boyfriend,” unable to freely contact friends/family, appear to be fearful or under the control of someone else, shows signs of physical abuse, can’t speak for self when addressed directly, always accompanied by someone