



10 SAFETY TIPS FOR TEENS

The facts show 1 in four slaves is under 18 years of age.

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Report human trafficking: Call 911 OR the OKC Hotline: 405-212-3377
or Toll Free: 1-855-674-4767 OR The National Human Trafficking Hotline
1 (888) 373-7888
Or Text "BeFree" (233733)

1. **Talk with trusted adults** about anyone who makes you uncomfortable.
2. **Never share provocative photos** of yourself or others.
3. **Keep important phone numbers** on your person at all times.
4. **If you are in immediate danger, Call 911** or the National Human Trafficking Hotline number (888) 373-7888 to report suspicious trafficking situations.
5. **Make sure** your parents have access to your online passwords and searches.
6. **Avoid online gaming or video chat rooms.** These are open windows for predators to crawl through.
7. **Tell your parents** where you are and who you are with at all times.
8. **Introduce all your contacts** and friends to your parents.
9. **Don't accept money,** gifts or free travel from people your parents don't know.
10. **Verify any business** that wants to interview you for a job. Ask for the Employer Identification Number (EIN) and check that number out online.

Tips for Parents of Teens

1. Monitor social medial accounts.

In the U.S., the majority of traffickers find their victims through social media, especially visual sites like Instagram. Photos that appear innocent to parents can often attract the attention of sex trafficking recruiters. Keep accounts set to “Private” at all times. Have continuous discussions with your kids about online safety.

2. Make sure your teen never goes out alone.

Teenagers who are alone in malls, movie theaters, skating rinks, etc. are a top target for traffickers. This is particularly important when travelling. Coach your child to be aware of their surroundings and any person who stares or follows them. Make sure they know how to ask for help. Also, make sure that your teen knows to never meet a stranger in person, even if they think they know them from online interactions.

3. Create a secret code word or phrase.

For example, “I’m fine” or “I’m OK” really means, “I’m NOT OK! I need help!” Teens may have gone willingly only to realize that they are now in a dangerous situation. Discuss what you should do if the secret phrase is used: Have a follow-up text ready? Call the police?

4. Discuss how traffickers target victims.

Young people 8-14 years old are the most desired commodity to sex traffickers. Demand tight controls and open transparency with any online interactions, including video games.

5. Teach children to watch their drinks.

Recruiters are known to infiltrate parties and attempt to drug victims. Teach children to never leave a beverage or food unattended.

6. Install GPS tracking.

GPS tracking and location services apps can be acquired from your cell phone carrier. Trackers can also be installed on a teen’s car, so that you or authorities can locate them.

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