Two major types of human trafficking

U.S. law defines human trafficking as the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor or services against his or her will.

Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 2000

4 Ps:
- Prevention
- Prosecution
- Protection
- Partnership

1. Compelled labor

- Someone is kidnapped, physically abused or restrained to work for a human trafficker against their will.

2. Sex Trafficking

A person is made to perform a commercial sex act* through the use of force, fraud or coercion. A person performing a commercial sex act is under 18.

5 basic types of trafficking

1. Romeo trafficker
2. Gang trafficker
3. Guerilla trafficker
4. Familial trafficker
5. Survival trafficking

Why is human trafficking the fastest growing illegal enterprise globally?

- 45.8 Million victims are trapped in forced labor today generating USD 150 billion in illicit profits.
- $99 billion comes from sex trafficking.
- In the US, the profits are $9.8 billion.
- In the DFW area, the profits are $600 million

Quick Facts

Any age can be exploited, but commonly recruited ages range from 12-17 years

Misidentification of Victims

- Common misconceptions:
  - Prostitute, slut, promiscuous
  - They have to be a gang member or a juvenile delinquent
  - They will be a runaway
  - Victims are always female
  - This only happens in other countries
  - The teen puts themselves in a dangerous situation
In order to understand the issue, we have to understand the victims. They could be anybody’s daughter, son, niece, nephew, cousin, friend, or neighbor, including yours.

**Linda Smith, founder of Shared Hope International (SHI)**

SHI was established to support shelter and service creation for sex trafficking survivors using a comprehensive model for restoration. Today, SHI provides leadership in education and training, prevention strategies, research, and policy initiatives.

**Recruitment and Grooming**

1. Changes in Behavior
   - Absences from home/school, dress, attitude, signs of abuse
2. Changes in Lifestyle
   - Money, material possessions, tattoos
3. Changes in peers
   - New boyfriend, new friends, parties, drugs/alcohol, signs of gang affiliation
   - Community Safety
   - Peer to Peer Rescue = Evan
   - Community Awareness= Evan’s dad
   - Professional Involvement = Sgt. Chapman, Trained Experts, Organizations like Shared Hope

**We need everyone involved in keeping kids safe! Especially you!**

**Texas Governor’s Child Sex Trafficking Team**

Mission:

- Protect children from sexual exploitation
- Help the public recognize signs of sexual exploitation
- Help victims recover
- Support healing
- Bring justice to those who exploit children

**Texas’ Child Sex Trafficking Team has implemented a number of statewide initiatives to help bring an end to the horrendous practice of child sexual exploitation, but we still have much work to do.**

*Governor Greg Abbott*

**Texas First Lady campaign: Can You See Me?**

**Be the One film**

Texas Office of Attorney General’s Human Trafficking & Transnational / Organized Crime Section of the Criminal Prosecutions Division produced a documentary film to teach state of Texas employees how to prevent, recognize and report human trafficking.

https://txssc.txstate.edu/videos/be-the-one/

**Community Collaboration**

**Chosen Demonstrates**
The True Cost of Human Trafficking

Kim Robinson, PhD

- Spotter – identifies a prospect
- Recruiter – gleans information from the victim
- Trafficker – Or pimp, sells the product to another pimp or to buyers
  - A trafficker can masquerade as a boyfriend, or someone who has your best interests at heart

Social Media

Build Internal Safeties

- Make sure your child knows they can come to you
- Have the conversation repeatedly with your children and teens about how predators work and what to watch for
- Establish a relationship with a mentor for your child. Consider who else invests in your child, work with them to reinforce messages on internet safety

Know the grooming process

- Appears familiar
- Develops trust
- Establishes secrecy
- Erodes boundaries
- Direct intimidation
- Face to face meeting

Setting Guidelines for Safety

You wouldn’t just let them go drive the car, would you?

- Set Ground Rules
  - Protected Young Eyes has great ideas, for example:
    - No internet devices in the bedroom at night
    - Don’t download apps without permission
    - www.protectyoungeyes.com/content/guard-doorways
  - Make sure your child feels they can come to you
    - www.Netsmartz.org is a great resource with tips for parents, games and info for teens, tweens, and kids.

Understand what technology your kids are using and stay up on applications and lingo

www.internetsafety101.org

NETSMARTZ.org

Qustodio.com

If You Suspect Trafficking

Report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)
www.cybertipline.org

Bookmark it in your phone right now

You don’t have to know everything, just tell us what you do know.

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