



## Protect Our Youth Against Human Trafficking

### Understanding Human Trafficking & Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)

Children are vulnerable, and today's world presents unique challenges. As parents and caregivers, we can work together to protect them from exploitation and harm.

#### What is Human Trafficking?

Exploiting individuals for labor, services, or commercial sex through force, fraud, or coercion.

#### What is CSAM?

Child Sexual Abuse Materials refer to any material that depicts sexually explicit conduct involving a minor.

## How To Protect Our Children

- **Educate Them:** Talk about safe boundaries, online dangers, and trafficking risks in age-appropriate ways.
- **Monitor Their Activity:** Know their friends, activities, and online interactions. Use parental controls when possible.
- **Build Trust:** Create an open environment where your child feels safe to share concerns.
- **Be Aware:** Look for unusual behavior or reluctance to be around specific people.
- **Stay Informed:** Learn about signs of trafficking and local resources.

# Signs of Trafficking or Exploitation in Children

- **Unexplained Possessions:** A child has unexplained cash, prepaid cards, hotel keys, multiple cell phones, or apps providing multiple phone numbers without a clear source.
- **Lack of Identification:** The child's ID is held by another person, or they do not possess any identification documents.
- **Coached Communication:** The child appears to be coached when speaking, allows others to speak for them, or looks to others before responding.
- **Frequent Runaway or Homelessness:** The child frequently runs away or experiences unstable housing situations.
- **Sudden Isolation:** The child abruptly disconnects from family and friends.

## How To Report

**Alliance to Fight Human Trafficking in  
Southwest Louisiana Hotline**

337-491-7952

**Louisiana State Police**

800-434-8007

**Department of Children  
and Family Services**

855-452-5437

**Emergency**

911

*Please Call Family & Youth to Learn More*

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