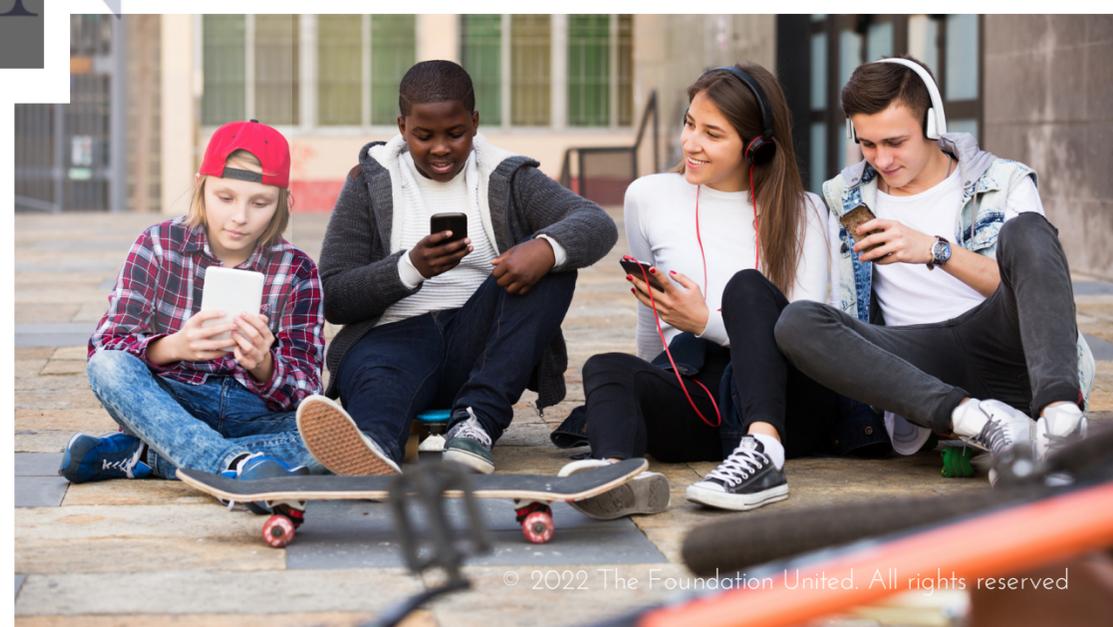


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# DOES SEX TRAFFICKING HAPPEN IN AMERICA?

*Yes, sex trafficking happens in America and can take place in any zip code.*

*Trafficking of minors means someone is making a profit by taking advantage of a child and using them as a sexual object to engage in sex acts.*

*Payment can be in the form of money, drugs, shelter, new clothes, or a ride home.*

VIDEO:  
SUBURBAN  
SCOUNDREL

*No matter who you are or what your reputation is, you do not deserve to be abused or exploited. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused, SPEAK UP to a safe adult in your life.*

VIDEO:  
AT WHAT  
COST



*Abusers control and  
manipulate their victims.  
Victims may be fearful of the  
consequences if they tell  
someone. If you or someone  
you know has been sexually  
abused, SPEAK UP to a safe  
adult in your life.*

# IN REVIEW...

*Manipulation and control are almost always involved when someone is being exploited.*

*A trafficker maintains control over a victim through psychological, physical, and emotional abuse.*

*Viewers of porn are unaware if the images and videos involve victims of sex trafficking.*

*Males are most often exploited due to their need for relationships, substance abuse, and basic needs.*

*Social media is a popular way in which young people are recruited and trafficked.*

*Sex trafficking has been reported in all 50 states.*

VIDEO:  
YOUTH IN  
CARE

*Sex trafficking and sexual abuse  
are NEVER normal or  
acceptable. Your circumstances  
do not get to dictate your  
future...you are the only boss of  
your body and your voice has  
power. If you or someone you  
know has been sexually abused,  
SPEAK UP to a safe adult in  
your life.*

*Daniel is a junior in high school who is a star player on the varsity football team and is already being scouted by college coaches. His parents passed away when he was in elementary school and he lives with his two younger siblings and grandparents.*



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MEET  
DANIEL

*Daniel is a junior in high school who is a star player on the varsity football team and is already being scouted by college coaches. His parents passed away when he was in elementary school and he lives with his two younger siblings and grandparents.*

*Everyone assumes that his parents death was the worst thing that has ever happened to him... but they don't know the full story. Daniel has kept a secret of being sexually abused by a babysitter when he was 9 years old. He hasn't told anyone, because he is afraid of looking weak.*

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*Mia is an 8th grader who gets bullied a lot because she has a disability that makes her stutter. She is usually by herself and has a hard time making friends. So, she chats with a lot of people online.*



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MEET  
MIA

*Mia is an 8th grader who gets bullied a lot because she has a disability that makes her stutter. She is usually by herself and has a hard time making friends. So, she chats with a lot of people online.*

*It's much easier for Mia to make friends through social media even though it's sometimes hard to determine if the people she's speaking to are safe. She recently started a relationship with a guy she met on Instagram. After a few weeks, he began telling her she would feel better about herself if she started taking 'sexy pictures' because it would boost her confidence. Mia took his advice and started sending him nudes. Now, he's been threatening to sell them online if she ever stops sending them.*

# WHAT TACTICS DO TRAFFICKERS USE?

## ***FORCE***

*Physical abuse, sexual abuse, drugging, or kidnapping*

## ***SEDUCTION***

*Luring victims by feeding into their interests and needs*

## ***BEFRIENDING***

*Using a young person to manipulate another young person by becoming friends with them*

## ***THREATS***

*Blackmailing, sextorcion, or threatening a victim's family/friends*

# VIDEO: GANG YOUTH

*Abusers are skilled at knowing your vulnerabilities and needs as a person. They will use tactics like force, seduction, befriending, and threats to exploit you. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused, **SPEAK UP** to a safe adult in your life.*

VIDEO:  
BETRAYAL



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*Abusers can be anyone.  
If you or someone you know has  
been sexually abused, SPEAK  
UP to a safe adult in your life.*