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WHAT IS SEX TRAFFICKING?

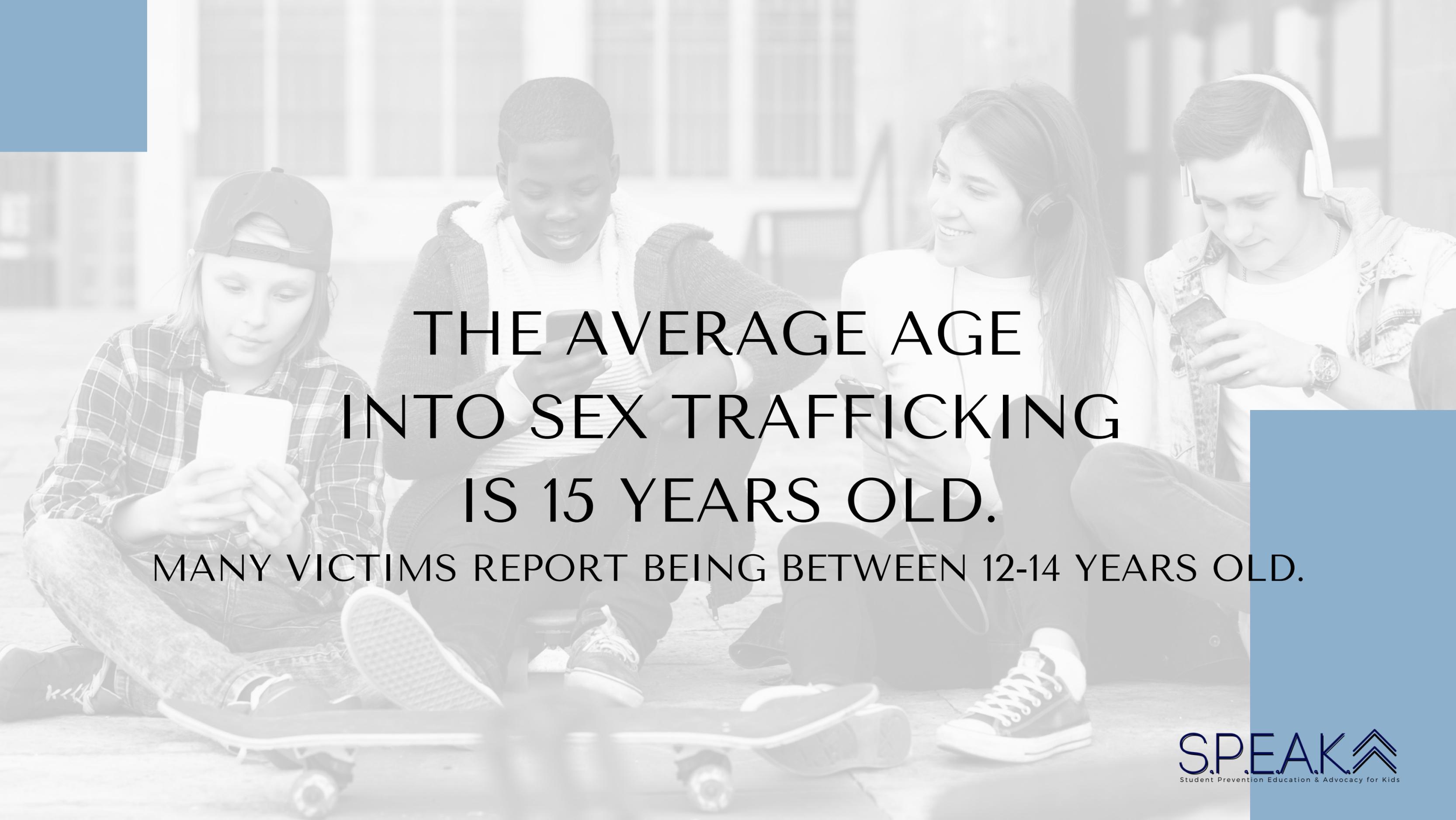
- *Sex trafficking refers to any time someone is forced to perform a sexual act while some else profits.*

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.



**THE AVERAGE AGE
INTO SEX TRAFFICKING
IS 15 YEARS OLD.**

MANY VICTIMS REPORT BEING BETWEEN 12-14 YEARS OLD.

88%

of traffickers report being victims of physical or domestic abuse.

76%

of traffickers report being victims of sexual abuse.

HURT PEOPLE, HURT PEOPLE

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.

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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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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.

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MEET RUBEN

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While his parents kicked him out, his aunt seemed to be supportive of his sexual identity and allowed him to live with her. After a few weeks the aunt would bring her friends over on occasion and told him to ‘entertain them.’ Ruben knew that he’d be homeless without his aunt and felt like he owed her. Though he hated having sex with them, Ruben had also heard that guys never say no to sex and that it’s good to be desired by older women.

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While the scholarship was helpful, college fees as well as living expenses proved itself to be a heavy bill to pay. Sarah's family did not have the money to support her in college and flipping burgers was not making enough. Sarah was approached by a friend who works as an escort and showed her all the money she made in just one week. Desperate for money, Sarah signed the contract to be an escort. Though the contract said she would never have to perform sexual acts, many clients demanded them and threatened not to pay until she complied. Afraid of being fired and having to leave her college, Sarah felt trapped.

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Jordan found love for the first time with Joy, a 23 year old young lady in the neighborhood who grew up in gang culture. Joy draws on Jordan's vulnerability for love and acceptance to recruit him into the local gang. His initiation included him being trafficked to other local gang members, except it became a regular event. Though he knows this is not healthy - he is trying to survive. He figures that at least in the streets he is protected by the local gang and able to move out of his abusive household. Eventually, he gets tired of being exploited and starts to recruit other teens into the gang so that he can maintain significance without the weight of being trafficked.

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

WHAT IS SEXTORCION?

- *Sexual exploitation that occurs primarily online in which non-physical forms of coercion are used, such as blackmail, to acquire sexual content or engage in sex with a child.*

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the number of times per day that a trafficker can sell a person

TOXIC MASCULINITY VS. HEALTHY MASCULINITY

Examples of Toxic Masculinity:

- *Boys will be boys*
- *Suppressed emotions*
- *Boys don't cry*
- *Never say no to sex*
- *Using violence to gain respect*

Examples of Healthy Masculinity:

- *Boys will be what they are taught*
- *Express emotions*
- *Have healthy conversations about boundaries and consent*
- *Use integrity to gain respect*

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

SPREAD THE WORD

Tell two people about exploitation

ASK FOR HELP

*Come forward and ask for help
when needed*

POST ABOUT IT

*Spread the word about
exploitation*

GET INVOLVED

*Be part of the solution by
volunteering*

BE THE CHANGE

Educate others about this issue

DONATE

*Give items needed by
organizations working with
survivors of sex trafficking*



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