

Be in the Know. Sex Trafficking is Real!

Do you know that sex traffickers can be young people themselves? This is known as peer to peer trafficking. There may not be a single profile for a sex trafficker, but you can recognize signs of peer to peer trafficking and other related risks.

My friends were getting paid to have sex with older guys. They said I could make money, too. After all, I could use the cash. One of them told me that her boyfriend can help me, but he will need to take a cut of the cash.

He said we could take 'hot' photos. And make money! But now he is pressuring me to have sex during a livestream.

I met this great guy at the place I am staying who is also my age...we hit it off. Soon I was getting presents and stuff I needed. After a couple of weeks, I learned I had to pay everything back by having sex with other people. I was afraid he'd hurt me. So I did it.

When your boo tells you, "Baby please! I owe this dude a favor. Just give it to him once. After this, it's you and me, exclusively! You do love me, right?"

I'm not even 18 yet. I am homeless. Then someone said I could sleep on a bed for the night if I agreed to have sex.

My BFF is hanging out with a different crowd at school. A girl in this group gives my BFF lots of make-up and fancy clothes and makes her get in cars with older men. I am worried, but don't want to get in her business... what should I do?



Do these stories sound familiar?

You can get help. Reach out.

Do you think that you or someone you know has been in one of these situations?

You can find someone who will listen and help.

Ask for help. It's CONFIDENTIAL.

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Call: 1-888-373-7888, available 24/7

Send text message to: BeFree or 233733

help@humantraffickinghotline.org

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org>

For additional resources visit: <https://teenpregnancy.acf.hhs.gov/>

Keeping it real!

Peer trafficking happens on campuses, in schools, and in communities. It can happen to you and your friends.

Peer to peer sex trafficking happens when:

A youth is being harmed, forced or manipulated to trade sex for something (a place to stay, food, goods) by the exploiter or trafficker.

If the person being exploited is under 18, it is sex trafficking even without the use of force, violence, fraud, or manipulation.

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