



What is Child Sex Trafficking?

As stated in the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act, child sex trafficking includes the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting a child under 18 years of age for the purpose of a commercial sex act. A minor is not able to consent to being bought or sold.

The average age of a victim is between 13-15 years old. As a student, you have the unique opportunity to speak up for yourself and your peers. Exploited youth are more likely to see you as a friend than they would a parent or teacher. By knowing the signs of trafficking, you are able to be a voice and get help for someone who may not realize they are being manipulated into a dangerous situation.

Indicators of Child Sex Trafficking*

RISK FACTORS

Youth who:

- Are chronically missing/running away
- Have experienced childhood sexual abuse
- Don't feel loved by their parents
- Have low self-esteem and self-worth
- Identify as LGBTQ and have been stigmatized by their family

BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS

- Changes in online presence (new profiles/accounts/online friends)
- Lies about identity (name, age, etc.)
- Avoids answering questions or lets others speak for them
- Seeks approval from others
- Seems coached/frightened/hostile when engaging with authority
- Doesn't ask for/rejects help

PHYSICAL INDICATORS

- Multiple minors with unrelated adult males or an overly controlling/abusive male figure
- Sexual paraphernalia such as bulk condoms or lubrication
- Presence of minors at hotels, street tracks, truck stops, or strip clubs
- Evidence of travel without a guardian
- Does not have identification (or ID is being held by someone else)
- Has a name or symbol tattooed, burned, or branded onto their bodies (and are unwilling to explain the markings)
- Has large amounts of cash or pre-paid credit cards, hotel keys/receipts
- Carries multiple cell phones and/or electronic devices
- Has notebooks/slips of paper with phone numbers, dollar amounts, names, or addresses

*No single indicator confirms the existence of child sex trafficking, but several combined can increase the likelihood of it occurring.



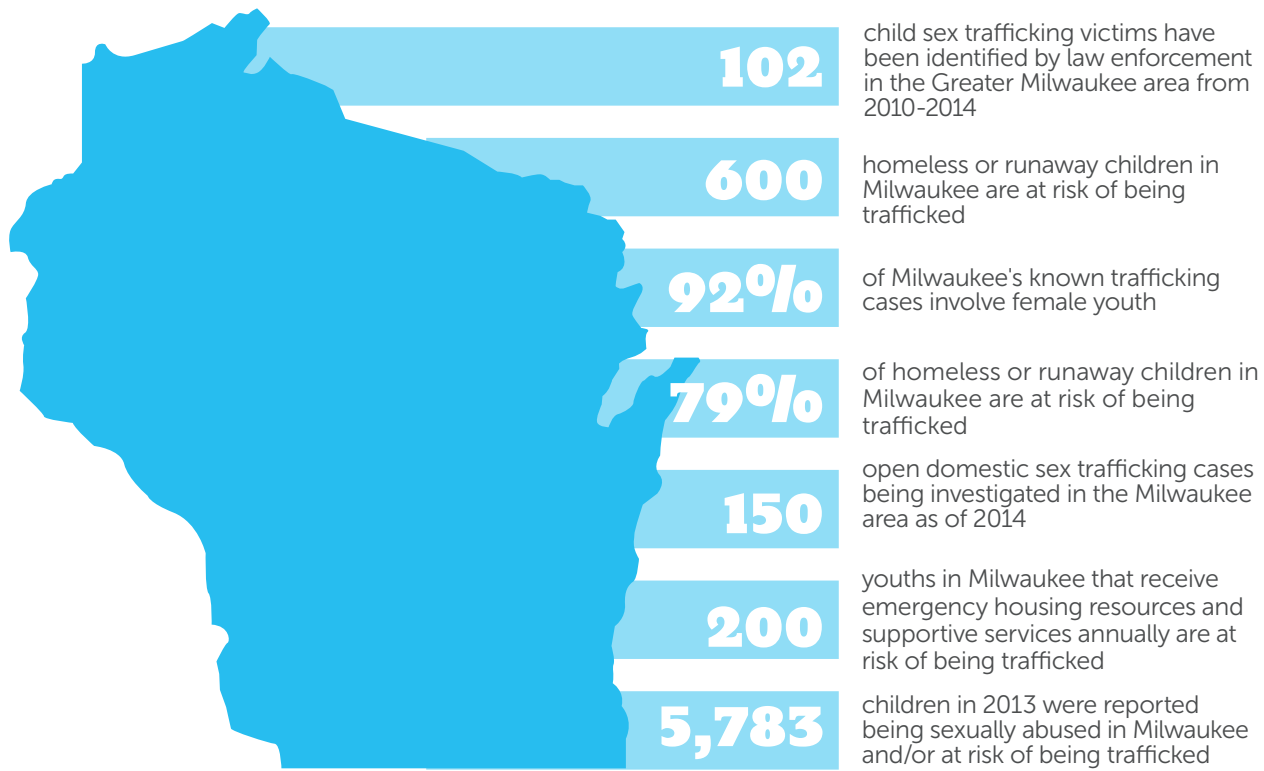
Let's Talk Facts

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This is a crime that occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. This crime happens in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

GENERAL FACTS

- Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the nation and is a 9.5 billion dollar industry annually in the United States
- It's estimated that there are 27 million slaves in the world today
- 4 out of 5 victims are women or girls
- 1 out of 3 teens on the street will be lured into trafficking within 48 hours of leaving home
- National Human Trafficking Hotline Number receives, on average, 100 calls per day

**Every 30 seconds,
a human is sold
into slavery**



NEXT STEPS - What You Can Do

- Share this information with friends, family, or on social media. Talk to your parents or guardian about trafficking and exploitation; see what they know, use this sheet to provide them with more knowledge.
- If you suspect that someone you know is being trafficked, talk to your teachers, parents, or police. This will help to keep you and everyone involved safe.
- Keep learning and stay connected with us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and sign up for our emails on our website, exploitnomore.org