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Students Talking About Healthy Lifestyles

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, with traffickers generating an average of \$236 billion dollars per year. Force, fraud, coercion, and violence are used to exploit their victims for labor or commercial sex acts. Between 49.6 million men, women, and children are victims worldwide. An estimated 6.4 out of every 1,000 people are enslaved worldwide.

-A21.org

Two main types of trafficking:

- Labor Trafficking
- Sex Trafficking



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How are Traffickers Finding Victims?

- * **On Campus:** many young people in one place, peer-to-peer recruitment with potential rewards for victims (better treatment, less abuse, etc.)
- * **Popular Off-Campus places:** frequented spots, look for opportunities to impair victim's judgement (alcohol or lacing drinks with drugs)
- * **Social Media, Online, Dating and Gaming Apps:** use anonymity of internet to develop trust/friendship, then meet up and deceive person into a trafficking situation

PLEASE BE AWARE OF:

- * Instant Love/Love Bombing
- * Willingness to Pay
- * Job Promises
- * Scam emails with suspicious links
- * Random or suspicious profiles on social media (no followers, no pictures, no engagement, etc.)

Traffickers leverage technology to exploit individuals for human trafficking.

Traffickers can...

- Use social media to find and exploit individuals in vulnerable situations
- Advertise fraudulent job opportunities
- Use encrypted apps to communicate
- Share sexually explicit digital content and livestream abuse
- Use ride sharing apps to arrange travel and maintain control over someone's movements
- Move criminal transactions through anonymized financial platforms
- Use digital surveillance to monitor movements



Potential Signs of Trafficking

- * Controlled by another person
- * Lack of earnings
- * Overly fearful, depressed, & submissive behavior
- * Lack of official identification
- * Substance abuse
- * Lack of personal belongings
- * Deceived by a false job offer
- * Controlled movement
- * Unfamiliar with language
- * Bad health and malnutrition
- * Signs of physical abuse
- * Lack of trust
- * Signs of dependence
- * Feelings of being trapped
- * New or expensive possessions

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SUBURBS

RURAL TOWNS

CITIES

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

NO MATTER RACE, AGE OR GENDER



Trafficking Myths vs. Truth Video

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You are not alone. Help is available.

Campus and Community Resources

- Haven Project.....724-357-3947
- *IUP Counseling Center.....724-357-2621
- *Alice Paul House (24/7 hotline)...724-349-4444
- University Police.....724-357-2141
- Title IX Coordinator.....724-357-3402
- Multicultural & LGBTQIA Support...724-357-2598

*Confidential Resource



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