

## CHILD TRAFFICKING IS A FORM OF ABUSE

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Any exploitation of a minor (anyone under 18) for sexual purposes is considered trafficking.

The average age of entry into sex trafficking in the United States is 14 years old, so it is vital for students in middle school and high school to know how traffickers (who can be anyone) groom and coerce young people into this crime.

## **BUILDING ON CORE LESSONS**

Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe lessons teach students how to recognize, resist, and speak up about any type of abuse. This added material helps build on those core lessons with specific human trafficking scenarios, prevention ideas, and safety messages.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Working with experts in anti-trafficking, Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe has added material in our learning management system for educators seeking facts and lessons specifically about child trafficking. Similar to the core curriculum, it includes the following:

- · background information for educators about human trafficking
- · scripts for talking with students about this issue
- scenarios that help students understand how trafficking can happen
- · interactive components like videos and discussion activities
- · resources for more information, including where to get help

It is recommended that the human trafficking materials be used to build on the core Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe lessons. but they also could be used independently.

## **NEXT STEPS**



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