Human Trafficking
What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is when people are sold, bought, or traded, much like slaves. It can happen to young men and young women, and the traffickers often target young children and teens as their victims.

Traffickers sometimes attempt to recruit victims at malls, bus stops, concerts, through social media/chat rooms, and even send recruiters to schools. They may also pose as friends, boyfriends, modeling agents, and even family members to pressure victims into the sex trade. Traffickers have been known to:

- Promise their victims shelter, relationships, and love.
- Give their victims gifts and treat them well before they show their true intent.
- Trick the victim into developing an attachment to them to convince them to stay.
- Control their victims by threatening to harm them, or using acts of violence on the victim and their family.

Be Aware: Every young person, boy or girl, is in danger of being targeted.

Remember, you have the right...

- To be treated with respect always
- To be in a healthy relationship
- Not to be abused — physically or emotionally
- To keep your body, feelings, beliefs, and property to yourself
- To set limits and values
- To say NO
- To feel safe in a relationship
- To leave a relationship

References