

What is human trafficking?

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Your neighbor calls and tells you that they have an amazing job at a construction site and that it pays very well. You need this money, so you agree to work with him and you head to the construction site that day. Your neighbor drives you and it is far away from your home. You get there and it is nothing of what your neighbor talked about. You get no protective gear and you work for hours on end with very few breaks, barely any food, and no time to sleep. You have been there for a month now and you have yet to be paid. You can't leave though because you have no money to go back home or even own your home. You are officially a victim of human trafficking.

Human trafficking isn't just women being taken, it happens to grown men and even children. It is happening all around the world and it deserves more of an awareness in the public to prevent it from happening. People that are part of human trafficking have a process and knowing this process can help save yours and others lives.

A person that you know can possibly be a person that helps with this horrid act and the reason you know them is because they want you to build trust with them. They will then offer you something you need. They take you to the place of your new "work" and they keep you there and force you to do labor illegally. For women, they can be tracked secretly and the predictor will follow and wait to see where they go. Once they find the perfect time, they will set up a trap based on what the woman cares about most. Some of the traps are zip ties around your outside mirrors or honey dumped upside down on your car. When the girl walks back to her car, she will

be distracted in trying to fix the issues and that is when they steal them. They are taken to be some sort of sex slave in most cases.

Around 40.3 million people globally and 50,000 people in the United States are a victim of human trafficking. Around 71% of the people being trafficked are women and 21% are men being taken from their lives. People being trafficked can be locked behind a door, or they can be people that you talk to on the street. There is a huge variety of ways people are being trafficked and it needs to come to an end. It is considered modern slavery in some places, and the survival rate of these people is very low. If you are a person being trafficked, you have a 0.04% chance of actually surviving. Most of human trafficking goes undetected and that is scary to know.

A lot of traffickers are getting kids using social media and acting like they are the same age as the kid they are texting. They plan to meet and that is when the trafficker attacks and takes the children. This can happen to anyone and if you are cautious of the signs then you have less of a chance to be taken into this horrible act.