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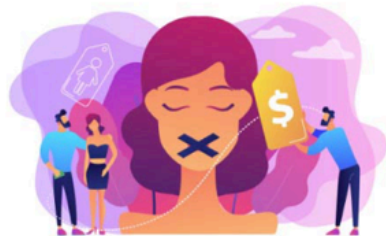
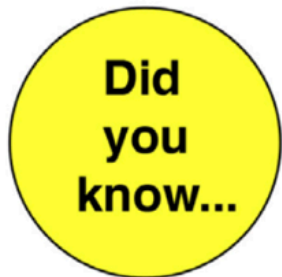


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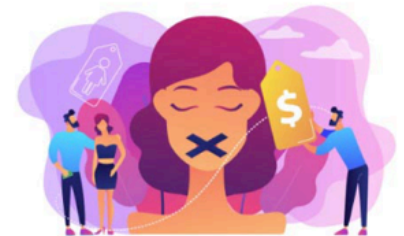
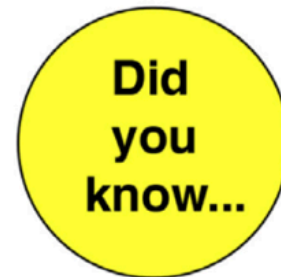


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3	...Methods Traffickers use to groom and control their victims: LOVE: Traffickers are experts at knowing when people are vulnerable and how to use them for their advantage by manipulating reality & leveraging fears. Learn more at www.polarisproject.org/blog/2021/02/love-and-trafficking-how-traffickers-groom-control-their-victims/ LURING: Establishing a connection in person or online with the intent of developing a relationship for the purpose of exploitation. GROOMING: The perpetrator identifies and fulfills the needs and dreams of the individual, for example by showering them with gifts. ISOLATION: Creating distance between the individual and their loved ones. MANIPULATION AND COERCION: Sending mixed messages, making claims like “you owe me” or making threats to cause the individual to feel their only option is to participate in commercial sex acts. EXPLOITATION: Ensuring ongoing participation in commercial sexual acts while taking away their earnings. Canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca <i>See other side for USA & Cape Cod Hotline & resources</i>

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