

Human Trafficking Labor and Child Sex Trafficking Online Predators/Sextortion

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What is Human Trafficking?

Objectives

three elements.

The Act
What is done

Recruitment, transportation, transfer,
harbouring or receipt of persons.

The Means
How it is done

Threat or use of force, coercion,
abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of
power or vulnerability, or giving
payments or benefits to a person in
control of the victim.

The Purpose
Why it is done

For the purpose of exploitation,
which includes exploiting the
prostitution of
others, sexual exploitation, forced
labour, slavery or similar practices
and the removal of organs.

READY

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HANG ON!

Various Forms of Exploitation



Domestic Servants

Domestic workers may be trapped in servitude through the use of force or coercion, such as physical (including sexual) or emotional abuse. Children are particularly vulnerable. Domestic servitude is particularly difficult to detect because it occurs in private homes.



Bonded Labor

One form of force or coercion is the use of a bond, or debt, to keep a person under subjugation. This is referred to in law and policy as “bonded labor” or “debt bondage.” It is criminalized under U.S. law and included as a form of exploitation related to trafficking in the UN TIP Protocol.



Debt Bondage

Some abuses of contracts and hazardous conditions of employment do not in themselves constitute involuntary servitude, through use or threat of physical force or restraint to compel a worker to enter into or continue labor or service many convert a situation into one of forced labor.



Forced Labor

Most instances of forced labor occur as unscrupulous employers take advantage of gaps in law enforcement to exploit vulnerable to forced labor practices because because of unemployment, poverty, crime, discrimination, corruption & political conflict.

Trafficking vs. Smuggling

Human Trafficking

Unlike smuggling, which is often a criminal commercial transaction between two willing parties who go their separate ways once their business is complete, trafficking specifically targets the trafficked person as an object of criminal exploitation. The purpose from the beginning of the trafficking enterprise is to profit from the exploitation of the victim.

Human Smuggling

Smuggled persons may become victims of other crimes. In addition to being subjected to unsafe conditions on the smuggling journeys, smuggled aliens may be subjected to physical and sexual violence. Frequently, at the end of the journey, smuggled aliens are held hostage until their debt is paid off by family members or others. It is also possible that a person being smuggled may at any point become a trafficking victim.

Signs of Human Trafficking

Living Conditions

Signs of Human
Trafficking

Does the person lack personal possessions and appear to have an unstable living situation?

Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

Has the person been deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care or other life necessities?

Control Indicators

Is the person in possession of his or her identification and travel documents; if not, who has control of the documents?

Does the person appear to be coached on what to say? Are they with someone who appears to be controlling the situation?

Has the person or family been threatened with harm?

Is the person fearful, timid or submissive?

Has the person been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action?

Is the person confused, afraid, or do they show signs of mental or physical abuse?

Can the person allowed to freely socialize or attend religious services?

Safety

Signs of Human Trafficking

Human traffickers will control victims by threatening potential victims or their families with harm.

Potential victims may have bruises or other signs of physical abuse.

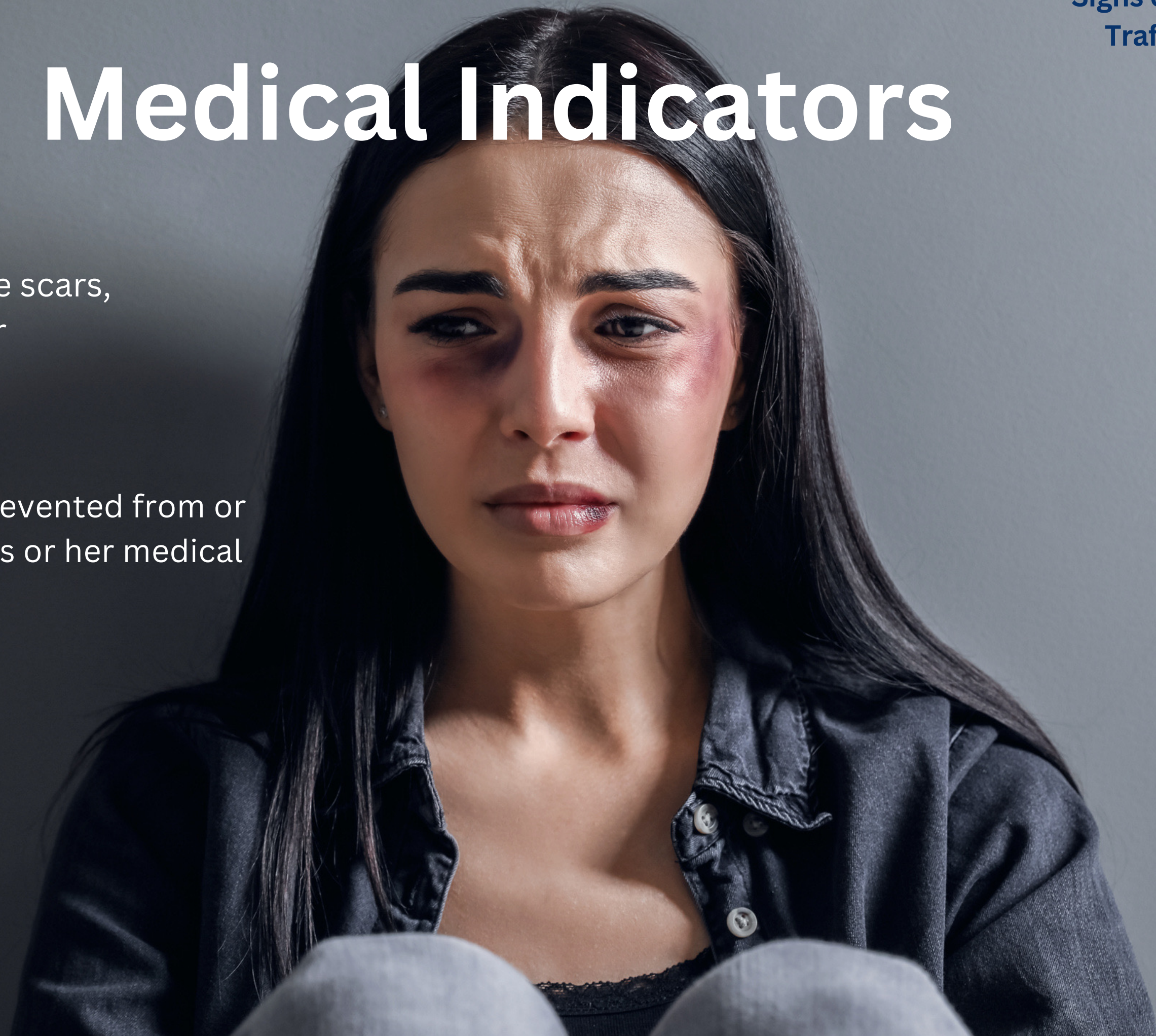
Victims will also be threatened with deportation or arrest in order to control them.

If you find that potential victims appear fearful, this could mean a red flag should be raised.

Medical Indicators

Does the person have scars, burns, mutilations, or infections?

Is the person being prevented from or limited in providing his or her medical history?



Physical Indicators

Signs of Human
Trafficking

The following possible indicators can help identify the signs of a human trafficking victim, and was adapted from information provided by the Polaris Project and its National Human Trafficking Resource Center:

Physical Indicators may include:

Excessive work-related injuries.

Bruises and other evidence of sexual assault, beatings, physical restraint or confinement.

Untreated sexually transmitted diseases.

Untreated critical illnesses such as diabetes or heart disease, malnourishment, ect.

Severe psychological distress.

Poor dental health

Under 18 and providing commercial sex acts.

Finally the provision is tangible in both physical acts that are documented and the product that is supplied to countless consumers across the world.

Travel Indicators



- Does the person know their final destination? How will they get there?
- Do they know whom they are meeting at the final destination?
- Are they traveling with someone who does not appear to be their real parent/guardian?

Other Indicators

Other Important Signs may include:

Inability to speak to someone else alone, or to speak for themselves.

Limited or nonexistent ability to speak English.

Evidence of being controlled.

Disoriented-lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or loss of sense of time or inability to clarify where he/she is staying.

Works excessively long and/or unusual hours; perhaps not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work.

Not in possession of passport or other forms of ID.

Not in control of his/her own money, have no financial records, or bank account.

Fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, nervous/anxious.

Has few or no personal possessions.

Unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing-up law enforcement.

Numerous inconsistencies in his/her story.

What is Child Sex Trafficking?

Child Sex Trafficking

“Child sex trafficking is a form of child abuse that occurs when a child under 18 is advertised, solicited or exploited through a commercial sex act. A commercial sex act is any sex act where something of value – such as money, food, drugs or a place to stay – is given to or received by any person for sexual activity.”



Who Traffics Children?

Familial Trafficking

A child is trafficked by a family member connected through blood, marriage, or adoption. This can include biological parents, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, in-laws, as well as adoptive, foster, or stepparents.

Nonfamilial Trafficking

A child is trafficked by an unrelated individual, male or female, who intentionally builds a relationship with the child and later uses it as leverage for exploitation.

Buyer-Perpetrated Trafficking

A child is being trafficked without the involvement of a trafficker. Instead, the buyer directly exploits the child's vulnerabilities by providing money, food, or shelter in exchange for sexual exploitation.

Gang-Controlled Trafficking

A child is trafficked by a gang member or the gang itself. Gangs exploit their organizational structure, use of violence, and extensive local, national, and international networks to instill fear and enforce loyalty in the child victim.

Child sex trafficking can result in devastating immediate and long-term consequences, including severe health issues, psychological and physical trauma, and even loss of life.

Risk Factors

Societal & Environmental

- Racism
- Bullying
- Lack of resources
- Involvement in child welfare or juvenile justice systems
- Gang activity
- Sexism
- Xenophobia



Family

- Inter-generational sexual abuse
- Lack of acceptance of gender identity or sexual orientation
- Housing instability/homelessness
- Immigration status
- Adverse childhood experiences:
 - Domestic violence
 - Household substance abuse
 - Physical/emotional neglect or abuse
 - Sexual abuse
- Families with untreated mental health issues

Individual

- History of trauma
- Lack of supportive family or adult figures
- Low self-esteem
- Developmental or physical disability
- Substance misuse



<https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking#overview>

Child Sex Trafficking

In 2024, NCMEC received more than **27,800** reports of possible child sex trafficking.

1 in 7 of the more than **29,000** cases of children reported missing to NCMEC in 2024 were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

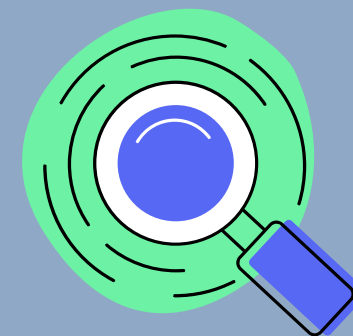
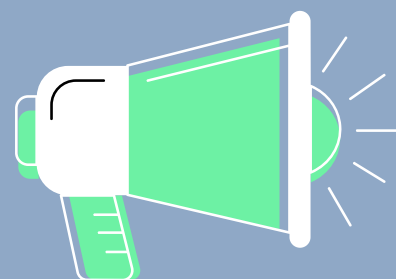
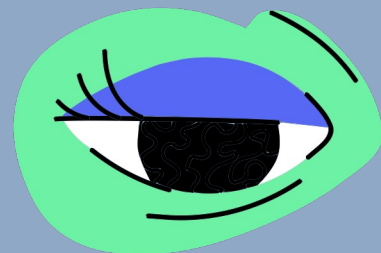
15 is the average age of child sex trafficking victims reported missing to NCMEC.

Of the children reported missing to NCMEC in 2024, who had run from the care of child welfare, **18%** were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION IS KEY!



Knowing the signs of a Trafficked Victim can **SAVE A LIFE!**



1- **DISCONNECTED** from family, friends, or usual community activities.



2- Sudden changes in **DRESS/BEHAVIOR**, including expensive possessions they usually couldn't afford.

3- Confused or showing signs of mental or physical **ABUSE**.



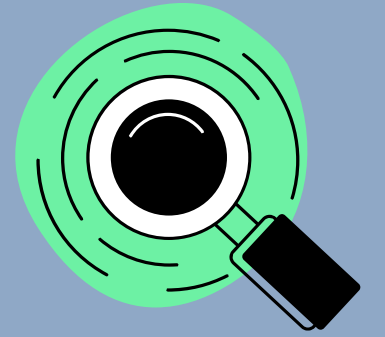
4- New relationship with boyfriend/girlfriend significantly **OLDER** than them.

5- Difficulty making **EYE CONTACT**, especially with men.



6- Medical problems in various stages of healing, like cuts, bruises, and broken bones.

7- MISSES SCHOOL frequently, takes frequent trips.



8- Unable to SPEAK independently, someone answers or translates for them.

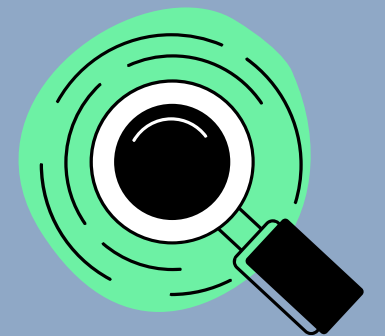
9- FRIGHTENED by authorities, they think they are the bad guys.



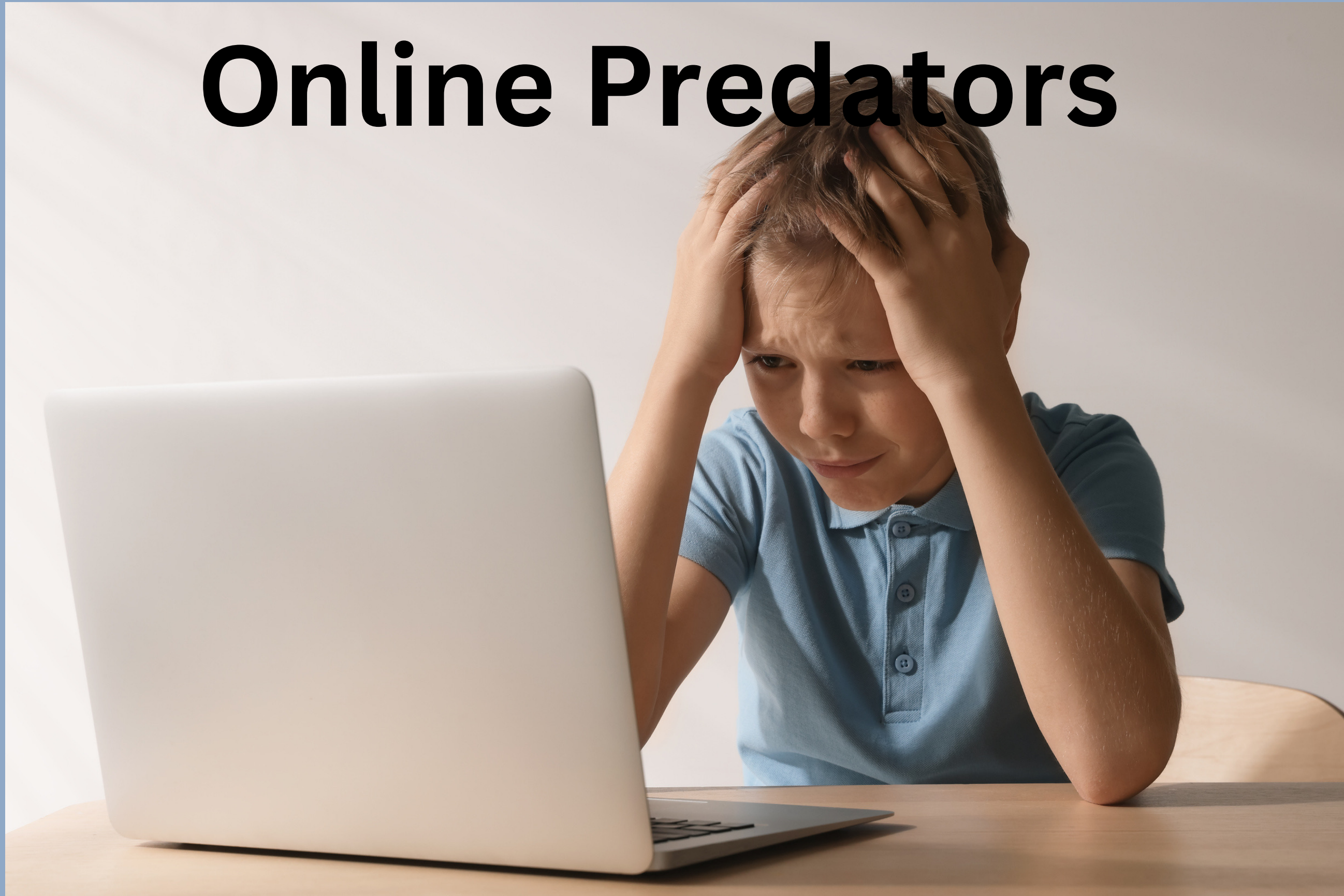
10- Have large amounts of CASH.

11- Lacking FREEDOM to move, socialize, or do as they please.

12- FEARFUL, timid, or submissive.



Online Predators



What is an Online Predator?

Online predators use social media and online gaming apps to target children between 10-14 years old by using fake profiles to connect with them.

Predators often stalk online meeting places, such as chat rooms and social media sites, to identify and lure their victims.

Character and Technique of an Online Predator

Deceptive Identity
Grooming
Manipulation and Coercion
Targeting Vulnerabilities
Sexual Exploitation
Isolation
Meeting In Person



FBI Crime Stats Of Online Predators

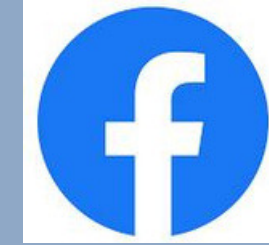
500,000 ONLINE PREDATORS ACTIVE EACH DAY.

MORE THAN **50%** OF VICTIMS AGES **12-15**

89% OF CONTACTS THROUGH CHAT ROOMS AND INSTANT MESSAGING



ARE ALL SOCIAL MEDIA APPS USED BY PREDATORS? YES.



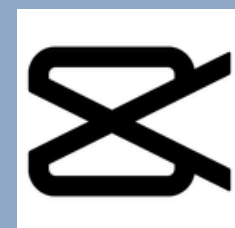
Here's just a few Apps that children 10-18 are using daily.



Snapchat
Tumblr
X
TikTok
Discord
Guilded
Steam
Facebook
Instagram
Reddit



Kinemaster
Capcut
Youtube
Magma
Spacehey
Free VPNs
Proxys
Bluesky
Google Docs
Roblox



A close-up photograph of a computer keyboard. The central focus is a large, rectangular, red key with the word "Sextortion" printed in a white, serif font. The key is slightly raised and has a matte finish. Surrounding this key are several other standard black keyboard keys. To the left of the red key is a black "Shift" key with a white upward-pointing arrow icon. Above the red key is a black key with a white apostrophe and quotation mark symbol. To the right of the red key is a black key with a white hyphen and underscore symbol. Other visible keys include a black key with a white question mark and a blue asterisk symbol to the left of the "Shift" key, and a black "PgDn" key below the "Shift" key. The lighting is soft, creating subtle shadows between the keys.

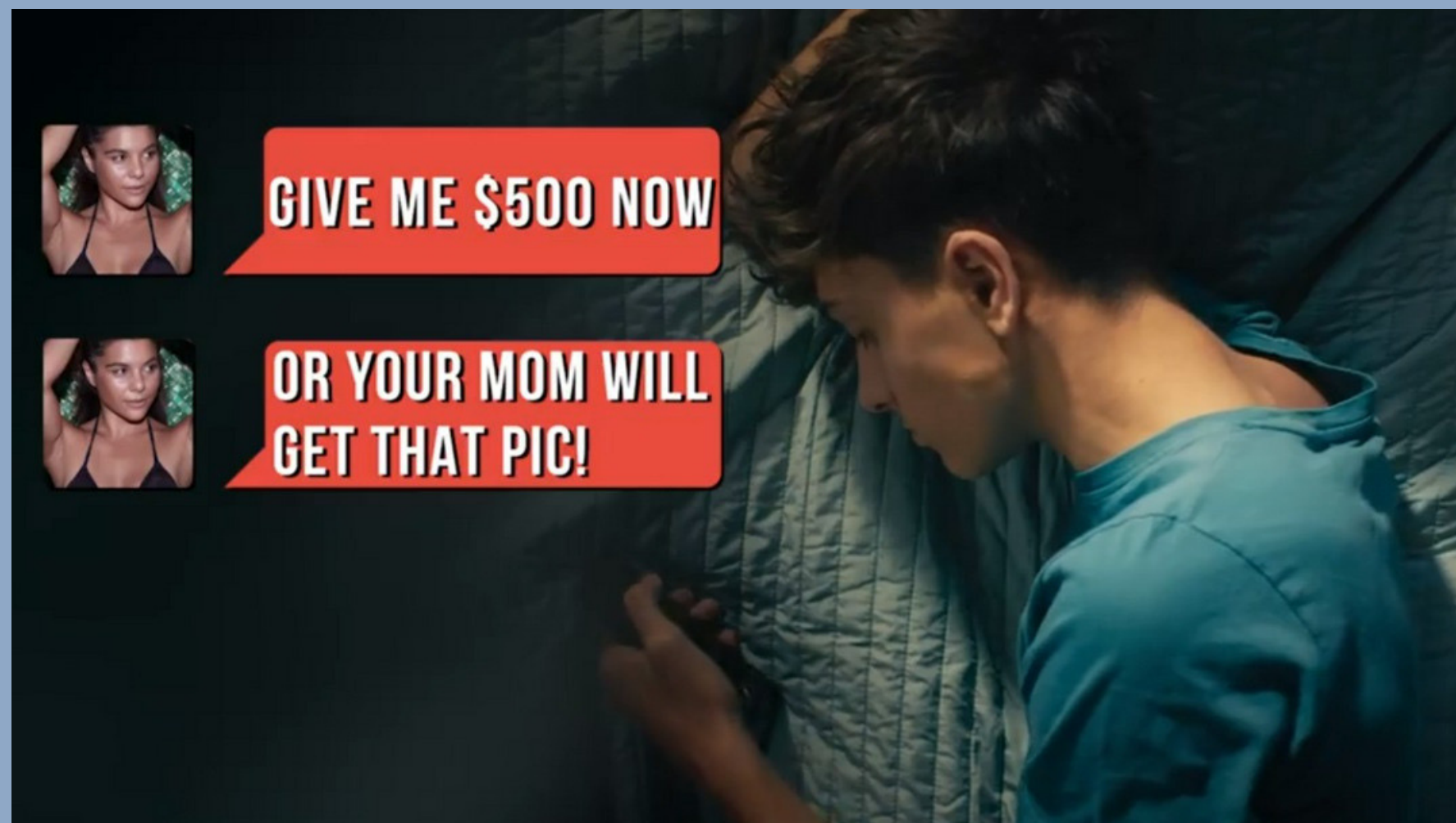
Sextortion

What is Sextortion?

- Sextortion occurs when an adult, through threat or manipulation, coerces a minor into producing a sexually explicit image and sending it over the internet.
- Most Sextortionists lure victims through social media apps by creating multiple FAKE profiles that the potential victims would find interesting or appealing.



Gavin's Law - H3583



Gavin's Law (H. 3583) is South Carolina legislation that makes sexual extortion, the act of blackmailing someone using sexually explicit images or videos, a felony offense and an aggravated felony if the victim is a minor, vulnerable adult, or if the victim suffers bodily injury or death directly related to the crime.

" In 2022, 17-year-old Gavin Guffey was a victim of sexual extortion, resulting in him taking his own life. "

The FBI received more than 13,000 reports of online financial Sextortion between October 2021 and March 2023 in the United States.

In South Carolina, there were 8,100 child sexual exploitation cases reported in 2020 through 2023 by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).



There is Hope.....



Top 10 Things Parents Can Do.

Educate and Engage

Establish Rules, Monitor and Supervise

Encourage Open Communication

Model Safe Behavior

Teach Critical Thinking

Report and Block

Secure Devices

Stay Informed

Promote Healthy Online Habits



How To Help A Victim

Let the person know that your first move will be to help, **ALWAYS**. The predators are powerful because of fear, and the victims suffer ever more negative consequences as the crime carries on over days, weeks, and even months. If you're the adult that the child comes to, **COMFORT THEM**. Help them understand that they are a victim of a crime and **HELP** them report to local law enforcement.

If YOU have posted or shared inappropriate pics or video there is HELP!

Thanks to the efforts of The Centers for Missing & Exploited Children Cyber Tipline, you can now request your inappropriate picture to be taken down. Take out your phone and take a pic of this QR Code TODAY!

This service is one step you can take to help remove online nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit photos and videos taken before you were 18.

www.missingkids.org

Take It Down

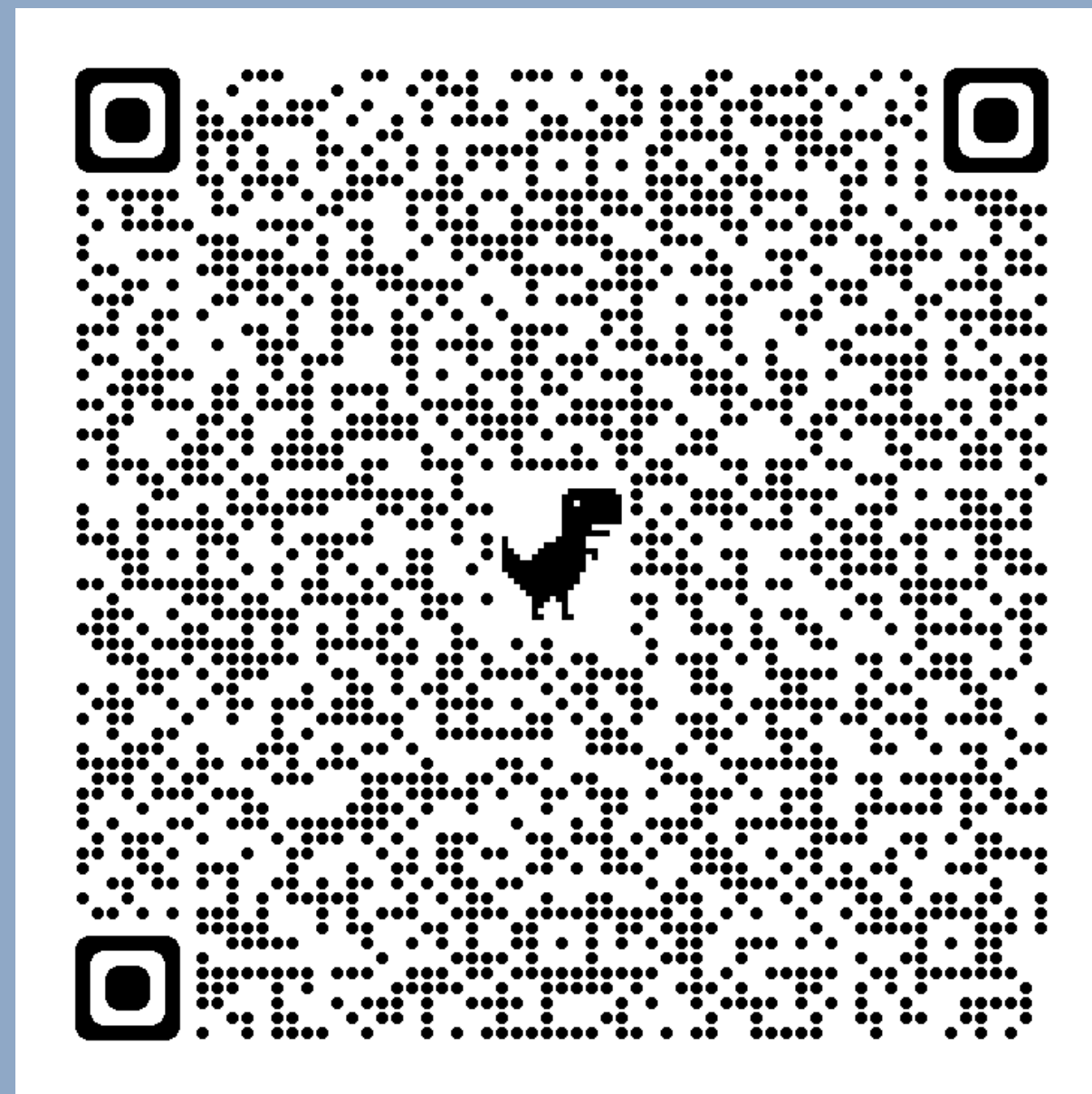


LOCK IT DOWN

IPHONE



ANDROID



Resources

<https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/human-trafficking>

<https://www.missingkids.org/home>

<https://polarisproject.org/love-and-trafficking/>

<https://www.scag.gov/human-trafficking>

Together, we can educate.....



www.onechildrescue.com