



What to do if you suspect human trafficking:

Lesson 1: *Assessing the situation*

- **DO NOT directly confront the suspected trafficker.** This could put the victim and yourself in danger.
- **DO NOT promise the victim help you cannot provide.** Instead, assure them you want to help them find resources.
- **DO observe and document.** Take mental notes of:
 - The physical appearance and behaviour of the victim.
 - The suspected trafficker's behaviour.

- Location, time, and any other identifying details.

Lesson 2: Taking Action Safely

Your response depends on the situation. Here's how to act responsibly:

Immediate Danger:

- If you believe the person is in imminent danger, call **911** or your local emergency services.
- Provide as much information as possible, including the victim's location and any signs of coercion or abuse.

Non-Emergency Situations:

1. **Report to the National Human Trafficking Hotline:**
 - In Canada: Call **1-833-900-1010** or visit [Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking](#).
 - In the U.S.: Call **1-888-373-7888** or text **BEFREE (233733)**.
2. **Provide anonymous tips:**
 - Some law enforcement agencies allow anonymous reports through apps or hotlines.

Lesson 3: Helping the Victim

Engaging with the Victim (if appropriate):

- Approach gently and privately.
- Use empathetic language, such as:
 - "Are you OK? You seem upset or scared."
 - "Do you feel safe? If not, I'd like to help."
- Avoid judgment or pressure. Focus on building trust and offering resources.

Respecting Boundaries and Privacy

Trafficking victims may not recognize themselves as victims or may fear retaliation. Respect their right to:

- Decline help.
- Avoid discussing their situation until they're ready.
- Make their own decisions about seeking assistance.

Providing Resources

Share information about local shelters, advocacy organizations, or hotlines, ensuring they can access help when they feel ready.

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