



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPENS **HERE**. YOU CAN HELP **END IT**.

Human trafficking is a global issue, affecting nearly 50 million victims across the world. It's also a local issue, as kids and adults alike are exploited in communities across the U.S. and Canada. It might be scary or sad to think about, but the good news is that you can do something about it. It doesn't take huge heroic acts, but just small, everyday actions you can take in your life to make a difference.

## What is human trafficking?

A crime where a person manipulates or takes advantage of someone else, so they will work for them or provide sex acts for money. Anyone under age 18 that exchanges sex acts for money or other things of value is considered a victim of human trafficking.

## What does a trafficker look like?

Traffickers do not always look like what we think "bad guys" should look like. They can seem friendly, generous and like a good person. That is how they convince someone to do things for them, so they can make money.

## Does it really happen here?

Human trafficking happens in every state across the U.S. and in every Canadian province. It happens in big cities and small towns. It can happen at hotels and motels, truck stops, rest stops, casinos, restaurants, nail salons, farms and more.

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## TAKE ACTION:

- 1. Know the signs.** Human trafficking happens in plain sight. You could spot it at a rest stop, gas station, hotel, restaurant or even in your local community.
- 2. Stay safe.** Traffickers often meet their victims online, while they are pretending to be someone else. Learn tips for how you and your friends can stay safe online: [love146.org/online-safety](https://love146.org/online-safety).
- 3. Share with your friends & family.** The more people that know about this issue, the better we will be able to fight it. Share what you learn with others!
- 4. Get help.** If you or someone you know is in trouble, it's okay to ask for help. Talk to a safe adult or reach out to a human trafficking hotline:  
US: 1-888-3737-888 | TEXT 233733  
CAN: 1-833-900-1010

## SIGNS THAT COULD INDICATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

- If you see a minor exchanging sex for money, food, shelter, etc.
- If you believe you are seeing someone under pimp control
- Someone whose movement, speech or activities are controlled by someone else
- Someone whose employer isn't paying them, or who is scared to talk about work
- Someone who starts acting differently, maybe missing lots of school
- Someone talking to a stranger online, especially if the stranger is asking to meet in person or for nude photos
- Someone with branding or tattoos that would indicate 'ownership'