



Child Trafficking Checklist



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Fear is having a problem with no solution. Please feel free to share these human trafficking stats and the Parent and Child tips with your congregation. According to the United Nations, human trafficking affects every country in the world, but it's not talked about enough. So we're raising awareness.

Contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline to connect with services and support for human trafficking survivors, or to report a tip: call 1-888-373-7888, text 233733, or chat online.

- Trafficking involves transporting someone into a situation of exploitation. This can include forced labor, marriage, prostitution, and organ removal. This kind of exploitation is known by a few different names -- "human trafficking," "trafficking of persons," and "modern slavery" are the ones accepted by the US Department of State.
- It's estimated that internationally there are between 20 million and 40 million people in modern slavery today. Assessing the full scope of human trafficking is difficult because so cases so often go undetected, something the United Nations refers to as "the hidden figure of crime."
- Estimates suggest that, internationally, only about .04% survivors of human trafficking cases are identified, meaning that the vast majority of cases of human trafficking go undetected.
- Human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial sexual exploitation.
- Globally, an estimated 71% of enslaved people are women and girls, while men and boys account for 29%.
- Estimates suggest that about 50,000 people are trafficked into the US each year, most often from Mexico and the Philippines.
- In 2018, over half (51.6%) of the criminal human trafficking cases active in the US were sex trafficking cases involving only children.
- Reports indicate that a large number of child sex trafficking survivors in the US were at one time in the foster care system.



- >> Advocates report a growing trend of traffickers using online social media platforms to recruit and advertise targets of human trafficking.
- >> The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the US is 12 to 14 years old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.
- >> In 2018, The National Human Trafficking Hotline received more calls from California than any other state in the US, followed by Texas and Florida, respectively.

Safety Tips for Parents



- 01 Work hard to establish trust and communication with your children from day one.
- 02 Don't ever leave children unattended in a vehicle, whether it is running or not.
- 03 Make sure you know how to find or contact your children at all times.
- 04 Have a "Call List" of emergency contacts and make sure your child knows the numbers for who to call if they can't reach you.
- 05 Take an active role in your children's activities.
- 06 As tired as you may be, take the time to listen intently to your children when they tell you they had a bad dream. There could be a reason. Trust your instincts.
- 07 Talk to your children about inappropriate incidences you hear on the news and get their perspectives.
- 08 Question and monitor anyone who takes an unusual interest in your children.
- 09 Teach your children that they can be rude to an adult if they feel threatened in any way. They need to hear it from you directly because this message often contradicts everything they have heard before.



- 10 Teach children the difference between an “OK” secret and a “NOT OK” secret. Assure your children that you would never want them to feel like they should keep a “NOT OK” secret from you.
- 11 Have your children practice their most annoying scream. They may need to use it someday.
- 12 Check websites for registered offenders in your neighborhood. Talk to your children about why these people should be avoided.
- 13 Keep your family computer in a central location that is easily monitored and avoid letting your children have internet access in unsupervised areas (such as computers in their bedrooms).

Safety Tips for Children



- 01 Know your name, address, and phone number(s).
- 02 Learn how and when to call 911.
- 03 If you are scared of someone, RUN to safety.
- 04 It's okay to be RUDE to a grownup if you feel you are unsafe.
- 05 Learn the difference between an “OK” secret and a “NOT OK” secret and beware of an adult who asks you to keep a secret from your parents.
- 06 Don't let anyone on the phone or at the door know that you are home alone.
- 07 If you ever get lost in a mall, ask the closest store clerk for help and then stay where you are until you are found.



- 08 Avoid shortcuts when you are walking from one place to another.
- 09 If you are ever “scooped,” scream, kick, bite and FIGHT as hard as you can to get away! NEVER trust what the “scooper” tells you.
- 10 Tell your parents or a trusted adult if someone is asking you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Listen to your “uh oh” voice.
- 11 Always ask your parents for permission before getting on the internet.
- 12 Never talk to people online without your parents' permission.
- 13 Never fear someone else threatening you to keep a secret and not tell your parents.

