

How to Get Help

If you suspect someone is a victim of Human Trafficking, Sex Trafficking or Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child:

call 911

For more information, including resources on Human Trafficking, Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center:

1-888-373-7888

or text **BeFree 233733**



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Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
What You Need to Know

Definitions

Human Trafficking involves recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining, by any means, a person under 18 years of age knowing that the person, with or without force, fraud, threat or coercion, will be used to engage in forced labor, involuntary servitude or sexual gratification of the defendant or another. (K.S.A. 21-5426)

Sex Trafficking is “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act.” *Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 [United States of America]. Public Law 106-386 [H.R. 3244]. 28 October 2000. Section 103(9).*

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) occurs when individuals buy, trade, or sell sexual acts with a child.
www.missingkids.com

Kansas Law

In April 2013, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed a bill into law to strengthen the State’s human trafficking statutes, with an emphasis on protecting children from commercial sexual exploitation.

The new law:

- Establishes a Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund to provide support for those victimized by human trafficking. The fund will be paid for through mandatory fines on people convicted of human trafficking and related sex crimes.
- Provides for special Child in Need of Care procedures for children who have been subjected to human trafficking and expedites expungement procedures for those children convicted of selling sexual relations if they were subject to coercion.
- Creates the crime of “commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child”, increasing penalties of crimes by buying or selling or promoting sale of sexual relations with persons under age of 18. Increased penalties and sentencing enhancements are included for a number of other related crimes.
- Allows the Attorney General to provide additional training and tools for law enforcement.

Who’s at Risk?

Age

- Children of any age may be targeted, but generally they are between 12 and 14.

Gender

- Victims of CSEC are typically female. However, males may also become victims.

Family Life

- Parental drug use
- Poverty
- Unstable household
- Dysfunctional relationships
- History of running away

Indicators

Social Life

- Older Friends of the opposite sex
- Possessing unaffordable material items
- STDs
- Sudden change in mood
- Sexualized behavior

Substance Abuse

- Drug or alcohol abuse

Home/Family Life

- Increased incidents of staying out late or running away
- Lack of parental supervision
- Cutting off contact with friends or family

School Life

- Unexplained absences
- Lack of involvement