



## **Protect Your Child from Human Trafficking**

You may think human trafficking only happens in another part of town, but you'd be wrong. It's literally all around us and the "customers" fit every walk of life – even the most unexpected!

You can help protect your children from human trafficking. Please read these five easy tips and don't miss the invaluable resource links that follow.

### **1. Start the Conversation:**

***If you don't, a predator may be waiting to do it for you!***

Start the conversation by conveying to your children that not every person they meet is someone they need as a friend. Share stories from your life when judgement was needed regarding friendships and invite your children to consider instances when they need to use similar judgement. Make it an ongoing conversation that involves the entire family.

### **2. Be Mindful the Company Your Children Keep**

***Peer groups have an incredible impact on children!***

Be careful who your children choose to spend their time with – share with them the reminder that one of the most important things in life is who they choose to be in their close circle of friends. Talk to them regularly about their friends. Get to know them yourself. Invite them to your home.

### **3. Build Up Your Children**

***Children are vulnerable in their lack of self-confidence!***

Teach your children their value in Christ - how precious they are to God and how precious they are to you. Make it a point to tell them often how deeply they're loved by God. Build up their image so that affirmation from others isn't as important as the affirmation they receive at home.

### **4. Monitor Your Child's Social Media Choices**

***It's a must if you're going to protect your child!***

Don't abdicate parental responsibility in any area of your child's life but especially be diligent to monitor their activity on social platforms. Particularly the personal information they post. Provide your children with guidelines on what they can and can't share on-line. And stick to it!

### **5. Pray for Your Children**

***Make it a regular part of their day!***

Pray for and with your children daily. Pray that God would take any negative thoughts that were poured into their heads or hearts that day (whether something they felt about themselves or someone else) and that God would encourage them and keep them.

### **More Resources:**

The Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking has some excellent downloadable toolkits for multiple situations:

- [Church toolkit](#)
- [Community toolkit](#)
- [School toolkit](#)

Indications of Human Trafficking—What to Watch For:

[http://www.missingkids.com/content/dam/ncmec/en\\_us/documents/cstriskfactorsandidentificationfactsheetmay2017.pdf](http://www.missingkids.com/content/dam/ncmec/en_us/documents/cstriskfactorsandidentificationfactsheetmay2017.pdf)

Intervention:

It's as easy as dialing the national hotline number

**888.3737.888**

Law authorities will take it from there.

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