



No More Trafficking connects people and resources to collaboratively create and deliver training and solutions to end all forms of human trafficking and exploitation.

We believe this dream is possible when we all unite on mission together.

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Avoid Trafficker Tactics

by: *Suzanne Lewis-Johnson, CEO*

Did you know human trafficking has been around since practically the beginning of time? In the Trafficking Victim Protection Act (TVPA), the United States Congress called human trafficking modern-day slavery. Boiled down, human trafficking is inducing someone to do some sort of work or commercial sex act through force, fraud, or coercion. The one exception is in regard to sex trafficking of juveniles. Under federal law every child involved in a commercial sex act is considered a victim of human trafficking.

Force generally refers to physical violence. Fraud, at its essence, means a lie, a trick. What is coercion? That's causing fear of consequences.

Think about our culture. How often do you see these tactics? How often do you use these tactics? Sometimes we feel outrage that something we think is trafficking isn't prosecuted. Trafficking cases are very resource intensive and typically come with a lot of barriers to prosecution that I hope we'll begin to eliminate through our collective efforts. But! If we dare to look at ourselves without rose-tinted lenses, do we really want every technical instance of trafficking to put someone in prison?

Essentially, human trafficking law says, quite literally, that we have a duty to be decent. We've all heard this lesson before. Most know it as, "Love your neighbor."

There's a reason the TVPA specifies penalties for "extreme" instances of trafficking. There's a reason coercion often needs to be severe to secure a guilty verdict. Because if we really look at ourselves in the mirror, we might be humbled by what we see. As so we should be! There isn't a human alive who hasn't engaged in or subjected others to trafficker tactics to some degree. The remedy is to recognize and turn away from trafficker tactics. When we recognize them we must hold one another, and especially trafficking-fighting organizations, accountable for such conduct.

We need to have the hard conversations. That's better than the alternative. If we fail to have them, then our "reckless disregard" could lead to criminal penalties. Essentially, human trafficking law says, quite literally, that we have a duty to be decent. We've all heard this lesson before. Most know it as, "Love your neighbor."



CALL TO ACTION - What you can do today to protect your family and community

As part of a monthly No More Trafficking series, we'll build on No More Trafficking CEO and former FBI Agent Suzanne Lewis-Johnson's comments during media opportunities and speaking engagements. Use the video tools and content below to facilitate community groups and professional groups and to begin conversations at home, work, school, sports arenas, and wherever you go, to protect against trafficker tactics and bring freedom.

Resetting the Conversation: Realities of Human Trafficking (part 2 of 2)

by: Carla Schillero

Our series of "Resetting the Conversation" continues as we build on the important foundation of **truth** and **accuracy** in our collaborative fight against human trafficking. If truth is our vital starting point, then TRULY where does human trafficking happen and what might it look like (or not look like)?

What circulates in the media and makes its way into our conversations doesn't always paint the most accurate picture. We often envision random children snatched away in a white van roaming a neighborhood. We are put on high alert at large gatherings, such as sporting events or concerts. While it is true that atrocities can happen in these contexts, we must understand that the reality hits much closer to home than this.

Suzanne emphasizes that the "hot spots" for trafficking are simply where the kids go. To this point, our young people are living in a digital age and are predominantly finding their livelihood online. The various platforms of social media and online gaming easily become a trafficker's bulls-eye for potential exploitation. Could evil's breeding ground really be under our own roofs? Behind the closed door of a child's bedroom where technology is readily available?

Knowing what's True helps us better recognize the counterfeit. More on that as the series continues next month.

Going Deeper.....

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Start a Conversation

We can stop human trafficking when we understand where it predominantly occurs.

- To the best of your knowledge, where does trafficking happen? How did you come to this conclusion?
- Discuss various ways today's media outlets present human trafficking. Reflect on their relevance.
- Name some other "hot spots" where traffickers might look to exploit today's youth.

We can stop human trafficking when we understand what it looks like in our own sphere of influence.

- Where are your spheres of influence? Home, workplace, school, faith gathering, or other spaces?
- How can you increase awareness and recognition of trafficking in this sphere?
- Compare the tell-tale signs of trafficking you've seen or heard with others' perspectives.