

## **Trafficking Prevention**

### **Homework (Lesson HS-9)**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Watch the following video on Human Trafficking in San Diego <https://vimeo.com/155869265>.
- *Non tech option:* Read “5 Common Trafficking Recruitment Methods” and “10 Facts about Sex Trafficking.”
- Answer the following questions below.

1) How many people fall victim to sex trafficking in San Diego County each year?

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2) What part of the county is seeing the most trafficking?

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3) Describe in your own words some of the strategies traffickers are using to recruit young people.

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4) What are the hotline numbers you can call or text to report trafficking or seek assistance?

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5) What are some strategies you can use to protect yourself or others from trafficking?

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6) Do you have any questions for your teacher about healthy relationships or trafficking?

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## 5 Common Trafficking Recruitment Methods



### 1. Personal Social Networks

Personal social networks and relationships are a powerful recruitment tool. Traffickers commonly recruit friends of family members, friends of other girls they have trafficked, and others in their neighborhood. Sometimes, they will throw “turnout parties” within their social network to recruit. They recruit in many places such as malls, transit stations, beaches, gas stations, campuses, clubs, and restaurants. Schools, malls, and transit locations in particular are associated with minors. Young traffickers who are often gang-involved traffickers use their networks in their school and in their community, often recruiting their classmates.

### 2. Romantic Relationships

Many traffickers engage in romantic or physical relationships with the recruits to appeal to their victims’ emotional and economic needs. They use a sort of bait and switch tactic, building a relationship with the victim, then asking the victim to engage in commercial sex to help the two of them accomplish their dreams of being together.

### 3. Online ads

Ads for recruitment often pose as a legitimate employment opportunity, calling for “models” and presenting the opportunity for a photo shoot. Traffickers also search existing online advertisements on sites like Craigslist and Backpage for women and girls who might be working independently.

### 4. The Lure of Wealth

Former traffickers said that pointing out to victims that they were “already doing it for free” was particularly influential with those who were economically disadvantaged. The traffickers offer the victim economic security. For traffickers, prominently displaying their wealth was key to recruiting with many citing their outward displays of wealth as a primary means of attraction for victims.

## 5. Current Victims

Girls already involved with the trafficker are often made to help with recruiting, especially from train stations, bus stops, bus stations, clubs, detention facilities, group homes, continuation schools, homeless shelters, and from social media. These girls are typically called “bottoms”. Although the bottom is both a victim and an offender, law enforcement takes the position that if the person is actively involved in recruitment, they will be charged with trafficking.

*Full list of sources at [pact.city/facts](https://pact.city/facts)*



## 10 Facts About Sex Trafficking



### 1.

The FBI has classified San Diego as a “High Intensity Child Prostitution Area” on a list of the top 13 cities for prostituting children.

### 2.

There are at least 3,000 trafficking victims per year in San Diego County, according to a study released in 2016 by the University of San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene University. The number may be as high as 8,000.

### 3.

The average age of entry into sex trafficking is 16.

### 4.

When a victim is a minor under the age of 18, sex trafficking does not require force, fraud or coercion. Minors cannot legally consent to sexual activity

### 5.

Victims often have backgrounds of child physical or sexual abuse and domestic violence but span every socioeconomic and family background.

**6.**

The average victim is trafficked for about three years before reaching the attention of law enforcement.

**7.**

100 percent of high schools that participated in a recent study reported recruitment of their students for sex trafficking.

**8.**

About 90 percent of high schools surveyed reported cases of their students becoming victims of sex trafficking.

**9.**

Homeless and foster youth are at the greatest risk for recruitment.

**10.**

Most of the sex trafficking activity is controlled by street gangs, some of which have turned to prostitution as their top source of income.