

JANUARY



is Stalking & Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Intersections with

Child Trafficking (Child Sex Trafficking)

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS LINE: 843-669-4600 OR 1-800-273-1820

CHILD TRAFFICKING REPORTING

In 2023, NCMEC received more than

18,400

reports of possible child trafficking.

COMMON PERPETRATORS

Traffickers can be anyone who profits from the selling of a child for sex to a buyer, including:

- family members
- foster parents
- gangs
- Perceived trusted adults or romantic partners

In some cases, no trafficker is identified, and the individual purchasing sex from the child is the one exploiting the child's vulnerabilities.

SEX TRAFFICKING:

Child sex trafficking is a form of child abuse involving the advertisement, solicitation, or exploitation of a child under 18 through commercial sex acts. A commercial sex act includes any exchange of value—such as money, drugs, or shelter—for sexual activity.

RISK FACTORS:

Children are at greater risk of trafficking due to societal factors like racism, bullying, and lack of resources; family challenges such as abuse, housing instability, and rejection of identity; and individual vulnerabilities like trauma, low self-esteem, and lack of supportive adults.

4 EXAMPLES OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

1. Pimp-controlled Trafficking
2. Gang-controlled Trafficking
3. Familial Trafficking
4. Buyer-Perpetrated Trafficking

CHILD TRAFFICKING STATS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

In 2023,

36%

of victims and survivors in South Carolina human trafficking cases were minors.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Child sex trafficking victims often struggle to recognize themselves as victims or disclose their abuse due to fear, shame, or loyalty to their abuser(s). It is never a child's responsibility to seek help.

COMMON RED FLAGS

- Signs of Sexual or Physical Abuse
- Symptoms of Neglect (ex. malnourishment)
- Tattoos or branding
- Significant changes in behavior & online activity
- Unexplained absences from school
- Stops engaging in activities previously favored

DCC SERVICES:

- Pee Dee Parent Helpline
(Call) 843-618-2420 or (Text) 843-305-6755
- Medical examinations, diagnosis & treatment
- Forensic Interviews
- 24-hour crisis intervention, legal assistance, Counseling, Parent Help Parent Support (PEPS), community ed. & more

NATIONAL & LOCAL RESOURCES:

- Nation Center for Missing & Exploited Children
1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)
- Local Law Enforcement
- Local Child Advocacy Centers



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GET INVOLVED!

- **HARTSVILLE** 843-332-9299
- **FLORENCE** 843-664-4357
- **KINGSTREE** 844-540-1889
- **SUMTER** 803-757-1570
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