

# Human Trafficking Education & Resources

## What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor against their will to gain something of value.

## Who is the most vulnerable to being trafficked?

- History of sexual abuse
- LGBTQ+
- Foster care
- Relational poverty/looking for love and support
- Minorities
- Poverty
- Minors

## How does trafficking start?

**Relationship:** Most individuals are trafficked by their family members or someone they know

**Boyfriending/Grooming:** A romantic partner may manipulate you to do things out of your comfort zone

**Online:** Online interactions can be dangerous because traffickers may persuade you to meet in person and there is no way to know if someone is who they say they are

**Exploitation:** Exploitation is persuading an individual to engage in sexual activity for something of value or an explicit image is posted online without permission

The typical equation for human trafficking could look like this:



# Who to Call

## NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

CALL 1-888-373-7888

TEXT BEFREE to 233733

LIVE CHAT [HumanTraffickingHotline.org](https://www.HumanTraffickingHotline.org)

## VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

(804) 726-7000

To report a human trafficking tip, you can call the Virginia State Police (VSP) tip line at #77 or you can report to the VSP Human Trafficking Unit by submitting a tip online through their website or texting "VSP" to "847411"

## SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE PROGRAM (SARP)

1-888-947-7273

If you see someone in immediate danger or an active abuse situation call 911 or call your local non-emergency police department.

If you're unsure where or what to report you can call Freedom 4/24 at (434) 582-4517

[freedom424.org/resources](https://freedom424.org/resources)

