

What is the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Teens? (CSEC)



More than **100,000**
Children and Teens
are Exploited in the
U.S. each Year

COMMERCIAL
used to buy or sell

SEXUAL
any acts (includes videos and pictures)

EXPLOITATION
taking personal or financial advantage

CHILDREN
under the age of 18

Where can this happen to children and teens?

Everywhere!

The #1 way is through the internet and social media. Online you can hide behind a screen and be anonymous. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of children is happening in the U.S. – even in Rockland County!

What does a trafficker look like?

A trafficker/pimp can be anyone, male or female. They may even be someone you know, trust and look up to.

Recruitment tactics include:

- Violence
- Force
- Promise of Wealth
- False Love/Acceptance
- False “Family”
- Threats
- Lies
- Possession of Documents
- Control and Manipulation

Who are the victims of child/teen trafficking?

Anyone can be trafficked.

Some higher-risk populations include:

- Youth with a History of Abuse, Neglect or Substance Use
- Youth with Impairments
- Refugee, Immigrants and Non-English-Speaking Youth
- Youth in Foster Care
- Homeless or Runaway Youth
- LGBTQ+ Youth



LGBTQ+
youth are at
a higher risk of
being exploited.

PUBLIC PLACES

Traffickers use to target Youth:

Transportation Areas, Sporting Events, Casinos, Tourist Attractions, Hotels, Parties, Malls, Concert Venues and More

What is the Safe Harbor Law?

Anyone under 18 years old is protected under Safe Harbor from being charged as a criminal.

Minors are victims of CSEC under federal law for the following:

- Prostitution
- Pornography
- Stripping
- Trading Sexual Acts for Food, Clothing or Shelter

Help is out there.

There are free and confidential services readily available.

You are not what happened to you.

You are who you choose to become!

If you think this may be happening to you or someone you care about, **find help below!**



24-Hour Hotline: (845) 634-3344

📱 24-Hour Mobile Text: (845) 286-4997

💬 24-Hour Web Chat: centerforsafetyandchange.org

Contact us to learn more about our free and confidential anti-human trafficking prevention services and victim assistance programs.

Tel: (845) 634-3391 | Fax: (845) 634-3396
centerforsafetyandchange.org



For Help/Assistance:

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Text HELP or INFO to BEFREE (233733)

1 (888) 373-7888 | polarisproject.com

For Information/Resources:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Trafficking in Persons | acf.hhs.gov/trafficking