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Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is recruiting, transporting, transferring, receiving, holding, concealing, harbouring, or exercising control over a person for the purpose of exploiting them.

In recent years, there has been a noticeable emphasis on "hypersexualization" in television ads and programs, the Internet, and particularly in music lyrics and videos. It may be easy to be attracted to a pimp and drawn into a certain lifestyle because parts of it look to be glamorous and rewarding.

How do pimps find and recruit you?

- Meeting people
 Friends or
- acquaintances
- Boyfriends or girlfriends
- ✓ Family members
- Newspaper classified ads
- \prec The internet

It can be as simple as someone messaging you on a social networking site, asking to be friends and wanting to get to know you.

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Pimps

Pimps can be human traffickers Key in the human trafficking world Males or females called "madams" or "pimps" Both mean the same Using girls and even boys to make money And that's "The Game" Don't think it's chill You don't want to get stuck in "The Game" It's about making money from prostitution And it doesn't happen overnight This is what happens Recruitment, control, isolation

This is how you get trapped

Recruiting

This can happen to **anyone** At parties, shopping malls, bars Your favorite hangouts Bus stops, train stations, airports Places you wouldn't think of Youth centres, shelters, schools Where you **think you might be safe** On the street, on the Internet **Be on the lookout**

You're young and innocent **Pimps** take advantage of your trust You may have no money, Feeling down, facing a challenge in your life Not getting along with your parents Lack of attention or feeling of love Have few friends **Pimps** will be there Pretending to be your friend Sometimes even your boyfriend or girlfriend

Oh! You'll get the royal treatment They will buy you things Brand name shoes, clothes and purses Take you out to restaurants Even offer you a place to stay You may fall in love Yes they make you feel like a prince or princess

Isolation

Once you're "recruited", you're "in" Pimps will isolate you From your family and friends This is how it's done Compliments and attention Oh! Much you'll get More than you would have experienced before, really You might feel understood They will gain your trust, your love, your loyalty

All to brainwash and manipulate you

Time to get serious **Pimps** can get **violent** Find ways to **control** you Limit your talking to family or friends **Listen to your phone calls** You'll get **scared** If that's not enough **Violence starts Holding, hitting, choking, raping** And this is not the end Your world will change You are forced to do things you don't want to Dancing for money Sex with others You try to say "NO" Wrong answer

You are removed from your friends and family No one to turn to They **put you down Break you down** It doesn't stop

They say **you owe them** money For rent, gifts, food They make you feel you have **no way out** They make you feel you owe them something

Now they own you

Control and Exploitation

Once they "own" you "The Game" is moving on You will be controlled Intimidation, threats, violence towards you Your family and even your friends

PIMPS who traffic people are committing CRIMES and will be prosecuted Taking away your ID Giving you false ID Calling you names Swearing at you Making you feel like you are worth nothing Forcing you to have sex for money, drugs You name it

Pimps lay the **rules** Dropping you off and picking you up Checking up on you You do what you're told **and give them what you've earned** They might tell you it's for your future Yeah, right!

Epilogue

What's in "The Game" for the pimp Making tons of money All the money goes to them **All for them** Not you They don't care about you They only lookout for themselves You are just a pawn in "The Game" **A victim**

Be the best at "The Game" That's what the pimps want to be

Don't get trapped in "The Game"

FORCED PROSTITUTION = HUMAN TRAFFICKING = CRIME

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Do you need help?

If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, call your local police OR

If you wish to report a crime anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 OR

If you or someone you know needs help, speak to a trusted adult (family member, teacher or school counselor), or contact a counselor anonymously at the Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 or online at WWW.kidshelpphone.ca.

For more information about human trafficking, visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca or www.deal.org.

