

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](https://centerforsafetyandchange.org)

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

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



### For Help/Assistance:

#### National Human Trafficking Hotline

Text HELP or INFO to BEFREE (233733)

1 (888) 373-7888 | [polarisproject.com](https://polarisproject.com)

### For Information/Resources:

#### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Trafficking in Persons | [acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](https://acf.hhs.gov/trafficking)

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

**C**OMMERCIAL  
used to buy or sell

**S**EXUAL  
any acts (includes videos and pictures)

**E**XPLOITATION  
taking personal or financial advantage

**C**HILDREN  
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

**You are not what happened to you.**

**Who** are the victims  
of child/teen trafficking?

*Anyone can  
be trafficked.*

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

**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

**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 who you choose to become!**