

Common Types of Trafficking

"It's impossible to protect all girls from guys like I was, because that's what we do. We eat, drink, and sleep, thinking of ways to trick young girls into doing what we want them to do."

~ Ex-Pimp



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When viewing the Chosen film, it's important to understand the common types of trafficking:

There are five most common types of trafficking. If you recognize any of the signs of these types of manipulation, ask for help. Go to a trusted adult - a school counselor or teacher, a youth pastor or family member. No matter what a predator tells you to not tell anyone, **you can always ask for help.**

The film you are about to see is about the most common type of recruiting in the USA where pimps trick victims by pretending to have a relationship with them. It can start as a friendship or a romantic relationship to build trust and trap them. We call this **Romeo or Boyfriend** trafficking. It can happen to anyone, males, females, LGBTQ+, and in any ethnic group or economic background.

Another common type of trafficking is **Gang pimping**. The trafficker most often offers a sense of belonging, power or protection, where the gang becomes the victim's 'family'. Perhaps you've run away or have been kicked out of your home, and need all these things. Gangs will welcome you in, but then you are forced to become a commodity to make money for the gang by selling your body.

Guerilla pimps use brute force to control their victims. Sometimes they will abduct a person, or use drugs to more easily control them. If the person tries to escape, the trafficker uses violence and brute force to keep them under their control.

Survival Exploitation is when a minor is without basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing, transportation, or protection and someone offers to trade those items if they will perform sexual acts. The federal law says that ANYTHING of value traded for sex with a minor is sex trafficking and punishable under stricter laws. Adults should help a child who needs help, and never force them to trade their body for survival. Although a trafficker may not be visible in this case, the buyer is the predator.

Familial pimping is when a family member sells their own child for sex acts. When this happens, your family may not be the safe place for you to get help and you will need to talk to a school counselor or teacher, a youth pastor or another safe adult.

If you suspect any of these types of tactics are being used against you or a friend, find help! The Chosen film takes a look at some of the ways it can happen within a false relationship.

Because you know how it happens, you are safer.

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