

# Protecting Yourself and Your Friends from Sex Trafficking

## Stand Up. Speak Out.

**You have the right to feel safe and to keep your friends safe. If you suspect something or feel unsafe you have the right to report it.**

### How to Report Sex Trafficking

Call 911 (if in immediate danger)

National Human Trafficking Hotline (24hr)  
1-888-373-7888

DFCS Hotline (Georgia)  
1-855-GA-Child (855-422-5543)

Georgia Cares Hotline (Georgia)  
1-844-842-3678

GBI Cyber Tip Line (Georgia)  
1-800-843-5678

Tapestri (for international referrals)  
866-317-3733

### How to Report Cyber Bullying\*

1. Don't respond.
2. Keep the evidence and record the dates and times.
3. Block the individual.
4. Review the "Terms and Conditions" section of the online platform that you are using and then follow their procedure for reporting cyberbullying.

## Internet & Phone Safety\*

Check your privacy settings on your online platforms to know who can view your personal information and what you post.

Check your phone settings to make sure that it is not automatically revealing your location or other private information.

Know your friends' friends on their social media platforms, because those connections can see anything that you post to your friends or tag your friends in.

Read the terms agreement when you download apps to make sure that they do not have access to your personal information.

Set a password on your phone and computer.

Do not accept friend requests or talk to people online that you have not met in person, and do not meet someone in person that you met online.

## Warning Signs\*

Look out for your friends. If you notice a change in behavior or routine that raises concern, or notice other signs, speak to a trusted adult. You have a responsibility to look out for yourself and your friends.

### Behavior & Relationships

- Change in school attendance
- Becomes withdrawn or uncommunicative
- Falls asleep in class
- Begins using drugs
- Isolation from friends or family
- Brags about making a lot of money
- In a relationship that is controlling
- Dates significantly older men or women
- New friends with different lifestyle
- Unrelated adult with a minor

### Possessions & Appearance

- New clothes, shoes, jewelry, or electronic devices that cannot be accounted for
- Possession of many hotel keys
- Has many prepaid cards or gift cards
- Multiple cell phones
- Specially marked tattoo or "branding"
- No ID or does not have control of ID
- Unexplained bruising
- Explicitly sexual social media profiles
- Dresses inappropriately for the season
- Malnutrition, dehydration, or exhaustion
- Displays gang affiliation (symbol or colors)

**\* Whenever anything raises concern or makes you feel uncomfortable, identify a parent or trusted adult that you can talk to and report it.**