

WHAT DRIVES US

## Our Mission

We are dedicated to increasing awareness around child trafficking and supporting organizations that rescue child trafficking victims. We work on changing the statistics in our neighborhoods by creating awareness and communities so we can tackle this situation together.

Child trafficking is the fastest-growing and second-largest criminal enterprise in the world.

## USA is a main hub

We are spreading this invaluable information.

#AwakeAndBold  
#OpenYourEyes  
#StopChildTrafficking

## Who We Support

Veterans For Child Rescue  
[Vets4ChildRescue.org](http://Vets4ChildRescue.org)

Jason Sisneros  
[JasonSisneros.com](http://JasonSisneros.com)

## Know the Save Me Signs

1) Contact [911](tel:911)

Submit Tips to:

2) FBI [1-800-225-5324](tel:1-800-225-5324)

3) National Human Trafficking  
Hotline: [1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888)



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**Power to the  
Parents**

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## 18 Apps parents should know about:

- 1) **TikTok** is an app used to create and share short videos. Users have reported **explicit content** and **cyberbullying** on the app.
- 2) **Omegle** is a social app that allows users to video chat privately or in a group. **Child pornography has been linked to Omegle, authorities said.**
- 3) **Hot or Not** is a social app that encourages users to chat and rate each others profiles. **The purpose of the app is to hook up, according to law enforcement.**
- 4) **Badoo** is a dating app that allows users to chat, share videos and share photos. **The app is intended for adults only.**
- 5) **Bumble** is a dating app that requires women to make the first move with connections. **Kids have been known to create fake profiles and falsify their ages, according to officials.**
- 6) **Whisper** is an anonymous social platform that encourages users to share secrets with one another. The app also **reveals the users location** to allow people to meet up.
- 7) **KIK** allows anyone to message users with unlimited access. **The app can bypass traditional text messaging features.**
- 8) **WhatsApp** is a messaging app that allows users to communicate through text, calls and video chats worldwide.
- 9) **Roblox** is an online game with a chat function which opens users up to **solicitation from sexual predators.**
- 10) **Ask.FM** encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions. The app is known for instances of **cyberbullying and harassment.**
- 11) **Discord** allows users to chat with both friends and strangers through voice, video and text while playing video games. Users have **reported racial slurs** and **explicit content** on the app.
- 12) **Holla** is a video chat app that allows users to meet others all over the world instantly. Users have **reported racial slurs** and **explicit content** on the app.
- 13) **Calculator% (Calculator Photo Vault)** is **one of several secret apps** used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.
- 14) **Grindr** is a dating app for the LGBTQ+ community that allows users to chat, share photos and meet up based on the apps **geolocation.**
- 15) **Live.Me** is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so that users can find out a **streamers exact location.** Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.
- 16) **Skout** is a **location-based** dating app and website that allows sharing photos. Officials said children under the age of 17 have been known to make profiles with falsified ages.
- 17) **Snapchat** is a popular social media app that allows users to create stories, send pictures and videos. The app also **shares your location.**
- 18) **Meetme** is a social app that allows users to connect **based on geolocation** and encourages them to meet up.



## Parental Action

**Talk to your children. Children are a prime target for sex traffickers due to their innocence and fragility. Traffickers are known to seek out potential victims in malls, schools, and at this time, social media is the primary method of recruitment. The typical age of entry into prostitution is between 14 and 16 years old. There are many ways to be recruited, including solicitation by other women or girls, recruiting on the sex trafficker's behalf, the "boyfriend" strategy of pretending to be romantically interested in them while gradually pressuring them into prostitution, and even the "daddy" form, in which men promise to take care of and provide for the girls and boys who yearn for protection and provision.**



Visit: [AwakeAndBold.org](http://AwakeAndBold.org)

**And go to Child Saving Resources for Parent, Teachers, Red Flags, Terminology, Downloads and more!**

## What can I do as a parent, you may be asking?

Here are four steps you can take to lessen the chance that a human trafficker will try to entice your child away:

### 1. Don't forget to teach your kids about human trafficking.

Tell them it's here, what it looks like, and that if they think they see it, to talk to you or another responsible adult. Describe the ways that sex trafficking targets children and teenagers. Inform children that human traffickers deliberately attempt to entice young girls and boys with claims of a better life. Whether they are making claims of love and attention or good stuff and vacations, these traffickers hunt for methods to abuse dreams. Traffickers might be either men or women, even fellow students. Minors are occasionally recruited by traffickers using kids.

### 2. Discuss social media with your kids.

Assist your kids in defining friendships. The definition of friendship that our children have of it has been altered by social media. Teach them that a Facebook friend is not a true friend and that a friend is not someone you met yesterday.

### 3. It is crucial to offer useful safety advice:

Never give out personal information online, refuse friend requests from strangers, never post naked photos of yourself, and tell a parent or other responsible adult if you feel threatened or uncomfortable.

### Technology plays a significant role in the sex trafficking of young people.

Know the passwords to your kids' phones and what's on them. Never forget the value of both safety and privacy.

### 4. Pay close attention to your kids.

Follow them on social media and try to meet their friends' parents and other people they spend out with. Be on the lookout for considerably older partners or friendships that isolate your youngster from other kids or family. If your child has new clothes, a new phone, or any other item that they wouldn't typically have, pay attention to it, and find out where it came from.

### Among the choices to be made and questions to ask while formulating family online norms are:

- \* Do you want your kids to come to you first before using the Internet?
- \* Do you want to restrict how much time your kids spend online? If so, how many hours a day or week?
- \* Would you like to let your kids use instant messaging? If so, do you wish to approve it and ask that they send you a copy of any updates?
- \* Do you want to let your kids use social networking sites and chat rooms? If so, do you just want to let those that you have given your approval to?
- \* Do you want to keep the computer in a common room?
- \* Do you want to use parental controls to limit websites?
- \* Ask—Do you ever get messages from strangers? If so, how do you handle them?
- \* Ask—Do you really know everyone on your friends list?
- \* Start now—It will be simpler for children to accept and adhere to set rules.