



Safeguarding Module

Trafficking

Child Trafficking

Trafficking is where a child or young person is either kidnapped, trafficked, tricked, forced or persuaded to leave their home.

They are then sold to unscrupulous people who will use the child usually to exploit them sexually or to gain money.

The trafficker is the middleman, finding children to hand over to their customers who will then use the children in some of the following ways.

Why do People Traffic Children

Sexual Exploitation: Children or Young People are sold or rented out to sexual predators and may be used to create child pornography or to perform in sexual rituals.

Slavery : Some children ar used for domestic slavery such as cooking, childcare, gardening, cleaning or made to work in factories or on farms.

Organ Donors : Some are used for organ donors how horrible this may sound but it does happen.

Commit Crimes : Children are sold to work selling drugs, moving them about and also working in the manufacturing of drugs, they may also be forced to steal and pickpocket or beg for money.

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Forced Marriage : Young Brides

Claiming Child Benefit : They will send children into new homes so people can claim benefits.

Other reasons :

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Some children are even trafficked for rituals, experiments and many other dark purposes that would be too extreme to list in a course.

Types of child trafficking

There are different ways a trafficker may operate depending on the 'order' they are taking or who they are working for such as:

- *Individuals working alone, needing 1 or 2 children to work in their area.*
- *Medium sized, small scale groups of traffickers who move and exploit children on a small or medium scale.*
- *Large, national or international networks with high level corruption and a large number of victims.*

Signs of trafficking are :

- *The child is not registered at local schools or doctors.*
- *They do not go to school*
- *They rarely leave the house and do not have friends or play outdoors*
- *They claim to be orphans*
- *They do not know where they are from*
- *Their accommodation is poor*
- *They are afraid to share information about themselves*
- *They have unsavoury friends*
- *They are in inappropriate places*
- *They tell scripted stories*

Effect of Child trafficking

Any child who has been removed from their families will experience considerable anxiety and trauma. They are usually subject to a lifetime of :

- *Exploitation*
- *No love, caring, nurturing, education and protection*
- *Not knowing what it is like to be safe*
- *Violated*

Who is at Risk of Child Trafficking

Most people think that this could never happen to them, or that it just doesn't happen to children in this country but unfortunately your child only has to be mixing with one person involved, for them to be on their radar. This is all it takes for them to be taken.

Traffickers can be:

- *Other parents*
- *A boyfriend*
- *A friend of the child's parents*
- *A friend of the child*

Who is at Risk of Child trafficking

- *The local shopkeeper*
- *A random person*
- *A neighbour*
- *A club owner*
- *A teacher*
- *Someone in the park*
- *Any nationality*
- *Rich or poor*
- *High or low society stratus*
- *Male or female*

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www.unicef.org



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