

WHO:

Sexual Predators typically look for children 10-14 years old who

*run away, are in shelters, have been abused, are foster youth, are LGBTQ Youth

*Within 48 hours of running away from home, kids are likely to be approached by a pimp



WHERE:

Sexual Predators look for children

*online(gaming, snap chat, instagram,Xbox Live, Sony Live)

schools, malls, bart, foster homes, parks, buses, shelters

* children are sold online using code words



HOW:

Sexual predators recruit children by

posing as a friend/older boyfriend or girlfriend,

*offering : shelter, food, protection, affection, clothing, cell phones, tattoos, gifts,
committing acts of violence such as rape or threatening death.

*6 in 10 kids forced into sex trafficking said they just needed a place to stay

Many young girls are impregnated by their pimp, forging blood ties that are difficult to escape
Those who attempt to escape from their pimp are threatened with violence, beaten, or even killed.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child (CSEC) mean?

- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child (CSEC) happens when people buy, sell or trade sexual acts of a child. Children are recruited by exploiters by coercion, force, fraud or by posing as a friend. Sometimes exploiters will blackmail children into being exploited by threatening to expose pictures or texts about the children. These children are victims as no child can legally agree to be a CSEC.

How can I help protect my kids?

- Monitor online activity and online ‘friends’-Traffickers hide behind the internet.
- Monitor your child’s friends and outings. Does your child hang out with older people?
- Avoid being alone in the streets, especially after dark. Always travel with a trusted friend.
- Do not get into a car or truck of a stranger or acquaintance who offers gifts, drugs/alcohol, or dates. Report the day, time, and description of the person and vehicle to your school security officer or principal immediately.
- Ask for help if there are problems at home or at school. Talk to a parent or family member, school counselor, teacher, mentor or trusted friend.

Who can I contact at the school with questions about this?

- Contact your School’s Principal, Vice Principal, Clinical Case Manager, Counselor, COST Coordinator or School-based Therapist

How can I get help for my child or another child?

- Call 911 for immediate danger; also contact your child’s OUSD school principal, nurse, health center, counselor or school police/security officer.
- Crisis Support Services 800-309-2131 for family and teen problems.
- BAWAR Crisis Hotline 510-845-7273 for children who may be sexually exploited.
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center 888-373-7888 or text BeFree (233-733) to report human trafficking.

Where can I learn more about CSEC and Human Trafficking?

- Go to the Alameda County DA’s, Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T.) Watch website at HEAT-Watch.org.