

- , Works excessively long hours
- "Exhibits fear and anxious behavior
- " Was hired with false promises
- " Has inconsistencies in his or her story

Signs that a child is being groomed for future tra cking:

- " Has new, older friends
- "Talks about friends who seem too good
- "Spends an increasing amount of time online or on their phone
- , Has suddenly changed their appearance, how she dresses, or grooming habits
- "Suddenly has items they wouldn't be able to a ord, like a cell phone, new clothes, etc.
- " Has become withdrawn from the family and more secretive

- 1. Take measures to protect them from all types of abuse. 90% of children who are commercially exploited were rst sexually abused.
- 2. Teach your child about healthy relationships and personal boundaries. Don't be afraid to talk about child tra cking. Read a book or watch a Im together, such as Girls Like Us, by Rachel Lloyd Sold, by Patricia McCormick; Human Tra cking, by Thom Winckelman
- Foster a relationship that encourages your child to come to you in case of an emergency. Make sure that they will not let fear of "getting in trouble" inhibit their ability to convey concerns about unsafe situations.
- Know your child's friends and who they talk to. Tra ckers often build friendly relationships with victims to slowly gain their trust. Educate yourself about this kind of grooming.
- 5. Estabish guidelines for and monitor use of Internet and devices. Child sex tra cking is increasingly facilitated through technology. Use parental control settings. Periodically check your child's phone, ask them about names or phone numbers that you do not recognize. Ensure that the 2 one 06 Ane nooming hedia accounts ahat t2

Child sex tra cking is unique in the sense that force, fraud, or coercion do not necessarily have to be present in order to qualify as such. Because a minor cannot legally consent to sex with an adult, a minor who is induced into commercial sex is a victim of tracking. Methods used by trackers may include:

- " Threats of violence
- " Isolation from friends & family
- " Deceiving the individual
- " Promising love and gifts

- " Creating a dependence of the victim upon the tra cker through nancial needs, debt, drugs, the need of a safe place to stay
- " Blackmailing with threats of turning in the victim or those in their " Instilling distrust or fear of law enforcement family who are undocumented, or threatening to expose the youth's past actions or pictures to parents and/or peers

For more information on preventing the tra cking of children:

www.missingkids.com www.polarisproject.org justaskva.org