

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Sex Trafficking



It is important to know about the commercial exploitation of children and child sex trafficking in order to help keep children safe. According to Darkness to Light, “Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is any sexual activity involving a child for which something of value is given or promised”. This could be money or anything else such as food, rent, a cell phone, a place to stay, drugs, etc. Children who have been sexually abused or have a history of running away are particularly vulnerable. More than 90% of children who are commercially sexually exploited have been sexually abused in the past. And, one out of every six endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is likely a child sex trafficking victim. To learn more check out the resources below.

Here are some resources you may find helpful:

**National Center for Missing
& Exploited Children**
<http://www.missingkids.com/1in5>

Darkness to Light
<http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkG-cISE/b.6069317/apps/s/content.asp?ct=14840949>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center
<http://www.nsvrc.org>

**Know the Facts: Commercial Exploitation
of Children**
http://media.virbcdn.com/files/59/File-Item-150155-KtF_CSEC.pdf

**The National Plan to Prevent the Sexual
Exploitation of Children**
<http://www.preventtogether.org/Resources/Documents/NationalPlan2012FINAL.pdf>

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
<http://traffickingresourcecenter.org/resources/human-trafficking-101>

Polaris Project
<https://polarisproject.org/facts>

**Office for Victims of Crime:
Human Trafficking**
<https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking>

**National Criminal Justice Reference
Services: Human Trafficking**
<https://www.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking>