Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Identifying CSEC

⇒ Irregular school attendance, change in grades, inability to concentrate, extreme exhaustion
⇒ In possession of clothing, jewelry, or electronics they cannot afford
⇒ Unable or unwilling to give local address or info about caregiver
⇒ Angry, aggressive, or fearful
⇒ Withdrawal from friends/family
⇒ Gives scripted or defensive answers, overly protective or vague about their “boyfriend”
⇒ Chronic runaway
⇒ Sudden change in demeanor
⇒ Atypical promiscuous behavior

How to Report

If you have knowledge of, or a suspicion that a child may be a victim of CSEC, please contact the 24-hr. Placer County Child Welfare Hotline

1.866.293.1940

National Human Trafficking Hotline
Call 1.888.373.7888 or text “HELP” to BEFREE (233733)
What is CSEC?

The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is the sexual abuse or exploitation of a child, for the financial benefit of any person, or in exchange for anything of value, including monetary and non-monetary benefits.

All commercially sexually exploited minors are victims, regardless of the presence of force, fraud, or coercion.

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Recruitment

Exploiters oftentimes use the following tactics to recruit, groom, and control victims:

- Warmth, affection, gifts, intimacy, and compliments
- Elaborate promises of a better life, fast $$$, and future luxuries
- Physical and sexual abuse, with intermittent affection
- Fear, threats, intimidation

CSEC includes, but is not limited to:

- Street Prostitution
- Pornography
- Stripping
- Erotic/nude massage
- Escort Services
- Phone sex lines
- Private parties
- Gang-based prostitution
- Interfamilial pimping
- Forms of internet-based exploitation


Distributor: Exploiter/Trafficker

Supply: Vulnerable children lured into slavery.

Demand: People who purchase sex with children.

All children are at risk for CSEC; however, exploiters are master manipulators and engage in purposeful and premeditated targeting of vulnerability.

Common Recruitment Locations

- Social Media
- Public Transportation Systems
- Schools
- Libraries
- Shelters
- Detention Facilities
- Gas Stations
- After School Activities
- Parks
- Shopping Centers
- Churches