

# Human Trafficking Awareness for Principals and Vice-principals

## Q&A

### What do we know about human trafficking?

- **Ontario** accounts for approximately **two-thirds** of police-reported cases in Canada.
- This issue is still **underreported** in Canada.
- Traffickers work with friends, trusted associates and family members.
- Recruiters quickly identify the vulnerabilities of potential victims.



# 13

**13 years** is the average age of recruitment into sex trafficking.

# 92%

**92%** of victims of human trafficking knew their trafficker beforehand, one-third are former partners.

# 18

Victims who are trafficked by individuals under the age of **18 years** are usually under 18 years old themselves.

# 70%

**Over 70%** of victims in police-reported cases are younger than 25.

### What are some of the warning signs?

#### What you might notice

- More school absences
- Drop in grades
- Change in attire
- Withdrawal from friends

#### Language to be aware of

- Sexual vocabulary
- Talks about a quota/bill
- Change in lingo
- Story inconsistencies

#### General behaviours to make note of

- Love bombing
- Keeping “chats” secret
- Exchanging nude photos
- Fast-paced relationships

### Need additional information about human trafficking?

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