

Saving a Trafficked Child

Calm Urgency

Approaching & Reacting

What to Do, Who to Call

If you suspect someone is a child rape victim, or they outright disclose to you they are, do not panic. Talk softly. Stay low key. Unless they are in immediate danger, do not take matters into your own hands. The child will mirror your stability or instability.

Listen to what they are saying. Do not cut them off or complete their sentences. Receive-mode works much better than transmit-mode. Validate their feelings and be empathetic. *“I am sorry this happened to you.” “You are very brave.” “I am here for you.”*

Do not overload the child with questions. Their predator told them they will get in trouble if they tell anyone. Emphasize it is not their fault and they will only get help. They are not in trouble; they are getting out of trouble. Ascertain all details. Inform them you are only there for their safety and it’s important you get other people involved to help you accomplish that mission.

For immediate emergencies:	911
Call your local law enforcement or file an FBI tip:	800.225.5324
National Human Trafficking Hotline:	888.373.7888
National Human Trafficking, text “BeFree” to:	233733
National Ctr for Missing & Exploited Children**:	800.843.5678
International Family Abductions:	888.407.4747
Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse(MEPIC):	888.356.4774

Please let Vets For Child Rescue know as well: 520.210.7499
info@Vets4ChildRescue.org

** Also known as “Amber Alert”



See & Remember

If you’re unable to converse with a suspected victim but think child trafficking might be transpiring, take note of who you’re seeing, what they look like (age, height, gender, build), where and when it occurred, and why it’s suspicious.

If a vehicle is involved note the color, make, model, and license plate number if able. Decipher visually or aurally which way they are heading.

If around a hotel or business, did the perpetrator or victim seem related to the establishment? Did it seem the child was actively trafficked there?

Besides the numbers to the left, also consider utilizing Homeland Security Investigations: 866.347.2423.

Children with disabilities are four times more likely to be raped and trafficked.

75% of children approached online by a child predator never tell anyone.