



Information and Safety Tips for Erin's Law Mandate

1 in 10 will experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18.

Bait or Lures: Bait or Lures are used to trick people into abusive relationships.

The bait used can be things you like- money, clothes, shoes, electronics, jewelry, sporting equipment, promising to take you somewhere, showing you attention or claiming they love you.

Sometimes the bait can be things you don't like- threatening to harm you or someone/something you care about. They might threaten to withhold food, money, or any basic needs.

Bait can be used to trick anyone, even adults.

Sexual abusers: Most children and teenagers are sexually abused by someone they know-not a stranger! A lot of the time the abuser is someone in your family.

Sexual abuse is more than touching private parts!

Abusers can be men, women, teenage boys or girls, someone your age or even younger.

Abusers want you to keep the attempt of abuse or actual abuse a secret. They may try to use more bait to con you into keeping the relationship a secret.

Getting help: Follow your gut or instinct if you feel you are getting into a bad situation. It is never too late to get help and get out of the abusive situation.

PLAN of Action:

Try to Say NO!

Try to Get Away!

Find your POWER and TELL!

The abuse is NEVER your Fault!

If you are being abused, you can't handle this situation by yourself. You need to get help.

Go to a trusted adult. Have at least three trusted adults you could go to. Make sure at least one of your trusted adults is someone outside your family.

If you know someone who is being abused or has been abused, remember to be empathetic and not a bully. Help them get to an adult.

Human Trafficking:

Human Trafficking is defined as organized criminal activity in which human beings are treated as possessions to be controlled and exploited.

Human trafficking is a major worldwide industry and health problem. Human trafficking happens all over the country including here in Alabama.

Sexting: Taking, sending, receiving, and possessing any photograph or video of sexually explicit materials of someone who is underage is illegal.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Crisis Center/Teen Link 205-328-5465

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988 or 1-800-273-8255 or 911

Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

Jefferson County DHR 205-423-4850 or Shelby County DHR 205-669-3000

National Child Abuse Hotline 1.800.4.A.CHILD 1-800-422-4453