



If sexual abuse or trafficking is revealed:

- Believe them
- Acknowledge their bravery in talking to you
- Remain focused and stay calm
- Don't pressure them for information--let them use their own words to tell you what they are comfortable sharing at that time
- Offer reassurance that you will be a consistent support for them
- Thank them for trusting you enough to share
- Let them know they are not at fault
- Remember safety. If you are concerned for the immediate safety of the child/youth or yourself, contact law enforcement
- Locate, support, and file an appropriate report
- If you don't know what to say...that's OK! Thank them for trusting you and let them know that you want to assist them in getting help.

How to report SUSPECTED child sex trafficking, and/or solicitation:

If you know the victim /potential victim:

- Do you want me to contact a safe place where you can talk to someone who understands what you are going through or would you like to call/text them?

Local Services in the Kansas City metro:

Veronica's Voice; Restoration House KC; The Justice Project; 1x1 Project; The Stop Trafficking Project

In Missouri: MakeMOFree.com HOTLINE: 844-487-0492

In Kansas: Kansas Protection Report Center (KPRC) at 1-800-922-5330

National Hotline: 888-3737-888 or text INFO or HELP to BeFree

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/report-trafficking>

If you do not know the potential victim, do NOT approach them.

Emergency/danger: call 911

Non-Emergency suspicions:

Call local Police Department non-emergency number and ask for Human Trafficking Task Force or Sex Crimes Unit.

Cyber Issues:

Call local Police Department non-emergency number and ask for Cyber Crimes.

- If on social media do NOT report to social media platform - it is important for investigators to see the posts
- If it's a text, save the text for investigators.
- Do NOT delete the text and do NOT forward it to anyone
- DO block the sender