



"WHAT WOULD YOU DO?" & RED FLAGS FOR PARENTS



PARENTS SHOULD TRUST THEIR INSTINCTS. IF SOMETHING FEELS WRONG WITH THEIR TEEN, IT PROBABLY IS. "WHAT IF?" SCENARIOS ARE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE HOW TO HANDLE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS WITH YOUR TEEN. THESE "WHAT WOULD YOU DO?" CONVERSATIONS HELP EASE APPREHENSION ABOUT THE SUBJECT AND GET YOUR TEEN USED TO HANDLING SITUATIONS THAT MAY ARISE. YOU MAY HEAR "SERIOUSLY?" BUT IT'S BETTER TO UPSET YOUR TEEN NOW THAN DEAL WITH A DANGEROUS SITUATION LATER.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF A GOOD LOOKING OLDER GUY CAME UP TO YOU AT THE MALL AND SAID YOU OUGHT TO BE A MODEL?"

"WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE YOU JUST MET YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS?"

"IS IT OK FOR STRANGERS TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOU?"

"HAVE ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS TALKED ABOUT HOW IT'S OK TO GET PAID TO GO ON DATES?"

"DO YOU KNOW WHAT SEXTING IS?"

- RED FLAGS FOR PARENTS:**
- * MISSED A LOT OF SCHOOL WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION OR RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME FOR PERIODS OF TIME
 - * A NEW "OLDER" BOYFRIEND
 - * SUDDEN POSSESSION OF EXPENSIVE CLOTHING, HANDBAGS, ELECTRONICS ETC., THAT YOU DIDN'T PURCHASE AND THEY CAN'T AFFORD
 - * SUDDEN CHANGE IN APPEARANCE

- * UNEXPLAINED CASH
- * UNUSUAL NEW TATTOO
- * "SECOND" CELL PHONE IN THEIR POSSESSION
- * HOTEL ROOM KEY IN THEIR HANDBAG OR WALLET
- * POSSESSION OF A FAKE ID
- * REFERENCE TO NEW "MODELING" JOB
- * SUDDEN CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR
- * SUDDEN ACADEMIC DECLINE
- * SUICIDE ATTEMPT

- * SURPRISE CHANGE IN FRIENDSHIPS OR RELATIONSHIPS
- * UNCHARACTERISTICALLY SEXUAL OR PROMISCUOUS BEHAVIOR
- * SIGNS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE OR RESTRAINT
- * GANG AFFILIATION
- * SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE
- * USE OF TERMINOLOGY LIKE "DADDY," "THE GAME," "MANAGER," OR "TRICK"

For urgent or life-threatening situations, or if you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call 911. It is unsafe to attempt to rescue a human trafficking victim.