CHILDREN AT RISK Anti-Demand Toolkit

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. To highlight the importance of reducing demand for commercial sex, we have prepared a social media toolkit you can use throughout the month (and beyond).

Hashtags (based on Texas)

#EndHumanTrafficking #HumanTraffickingPreventionMonth #StopDemand #CeaseTX

Sample Posts

Facebook

• Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. The purchase of sex is a major driver of sex trafficking, which included at least 79,000 child victims in Texas alone as of 2016.

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Learn more >> https://childrenatrisk.org/human-trafficking/

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LinkedIn

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Twitter

- In 2021, Texas became the first state to make buying sex a state jail felony on the first offense. This incentivizes state agencies to prioritize arresting buyers. Visit <u>https://childrenatrisk.org/human-trafficking/</u> to learn more about how to #StopDemand and #EndHumanTrafficking @childrenatrisk
- Victims of human trafficking are targeted by traffickers based on vulnerabilities like homelessness, poverty, and addiction. Giving them a criminal record makes recovery exponentially more difficult. That's why we must #StopDemand if we want to #EndHumanTrafficking.
- January is #humantraffickingawarenessmonth follow @childrenatrisk for information on their work #StopDemand and #EndHumanTrafficking.

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