

If you are 24 or under and need help, we are here when you are ready. TEXT: 612-399-9995

Minnesota recognizes that young people who are being sexually exploited need understanding, support, and services. There is even a law to protect and help young people, called the Minnesota Safe Harbor Law. If you are 24 or under, the law can help you get services to meet your needs, like housing, food, legal help, counseling, etc. If you are under 18, the Safe Harbor Law can protect you from being charged as a criminal for the sexual exploitation that might be happening to you.

Safe Harbor can help you if:

- You are exchanging any type of sex, sexual pictures, or videos for anything of value. This could include, a place to hang out or sleep, food, clothes, diapers, money, drugs or alcohol, or gang or group status.
- You are under 18 and involved in exotic dancing or pornography in exchange for anything of value.
- Someone is blackmailing you with sexual photos or videos to get you to do something you do not want to do.
- You are having sex with people for money whether or not you get to keep all the money.

There are advocates in your area who can help you figure out your options.



THE DAY ONE HOTLINE FOR LOCAL SHELTER & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: **1-866-223-1111 TEXT: 612-399-9995** What is Sexual Exploitation? Sexual exploitation happens when anything of value or a promise of value (like money, drugs, food, a place to stay, rent, or a higher status in a gang or group) is given to you or another person in exchange for any type of sex.

THIS IS A SECURE LINE. NO JUDGMENT, NO SHAME, JUST SUPPORT.

MDH © 2017