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#ENDSPORTTRAFFICKING

DID YOU KNOW?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAN HAPPEN THROUGH SPORT

Fake sports agents are targeting young people and children playing sports in your community!

For a fee, fake sports agents offer young people the opportunity to travel abroad to compete at a sports competition, or to play for a big sports club.



The fake agent could scam them and disappear with the money straight away.

But young people are often taken into foreign countries, where they are abandoned or forced into many types of exploitation.



You can spot the warning signs.

- ⚠ An agent suddenly appears and is interested in you or your child.
- ⚠ An agent or their staff contact you online but do not meet you in person.
- ⚠ They provide little or no information about the opportunity.
- ⚠ They demand money to cover travel, accommodation, or other costs.
- ⚠ They ask for your passport or travel documents for 'safekeeping'.

If you believe that someone might be at risk or is a victim of human trafficking, immediately contact your local protection authorities. Do not try to investigate because this can put yourself and the victim in danger.

Read more for the steps you can take to protect yourself and your community from sports trafficking.



DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY AGAINST SPORTS TRAFFICKING



WARNING SIGN 1

AN AGENT SUDDENLY APPEARS AND IS INTERESTED IN THE ASPIRING ATHLETE

- ? Is the agent registered?
- ? What is the professional reputation of the agent?
- ? Did the agent contact or recruit you online? For example, through social media?



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ Ask the agent to show you their identification and registration from your Sports Association.
- ✓ Ask the agent for proof they have helped other aspiring athletes in the past.
- ✓ Contact your Sports Association or sport's governing body to check the agent is real.



Never trust an agent who only contacts you online, even if they post photos with famous athletes.



WARNING SIGN 2

THE AGENT ASKS FOR MONEY AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- ? Is the agent demanding money to connect you to an opportunity?
- ? Is the agent demanding money to cover travel and accommodation costs?
- ? Is the agent asking for your passport or travel documents for 'safekeeping'?



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ If you have paid money, report the agent to your local protection services.
- ✓ Always keep your passport or travel documents with you.
- ✓ Always register at your embassy if you are in a foreign country.



Never give an agent any money, your passport, or your travel documents.



WARNING SIGN 3

THE AGENT PROVIDES LITTLE OR NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

- ? Is the agent showing you proof that the opportunity exists?
- ? Is the agent talking about big sports clubs, but not providing much detail?
- ? Does the opportunity sound 'too good to be true'?



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ Check if the opportunity is real by contacting your National Olympic Committee or whichever Sports Association is relevant to you.
- ✓ Ask to speak directly with the agent, not their staff.



Never trust an agent who is too busy to meet you and share details about the opportunity.

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