



KIDNAPPING, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, ORGAN HARVESTING, AND SLAVERY

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What does this include?

Kidnapping can serve various purposes, for instance, financial gain, robbery, human trafficking, organ harvesting, or murder.

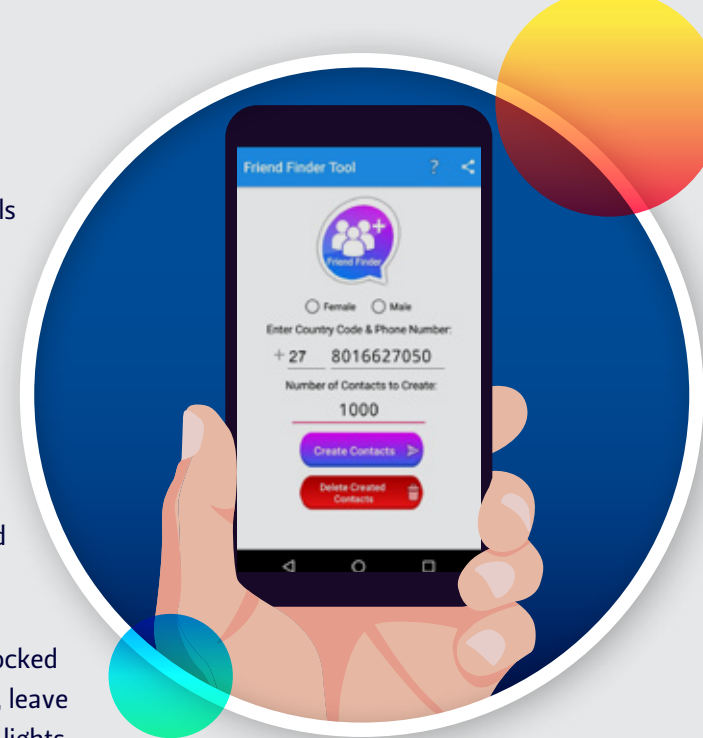
Always take kidnapping seriously – report a missing person immediately, because the sooner authorities can respond, the better the chances of recovery.

Individuals, especially young people, are often kidnapped for forced labour or sex trafficking.

STAY SAFE

BEFORE

- Ensure your contact details are accurate on the UFS systems.
- Avoid isolated areas and stay aware of your surroundings.
- Inform someone of your whereabouts and use tracking apps with trusted contacts.
- When driving, be alert. Always keep your doors locked and your windows closed, leave space for escape at traffic lights.

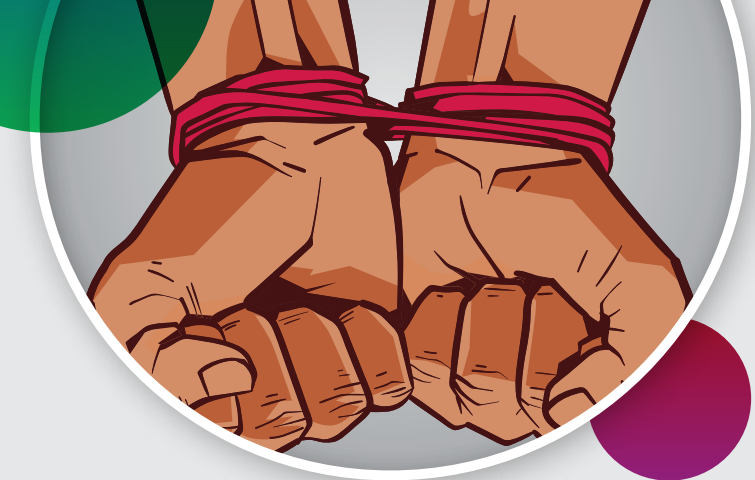


- If followed when on foot, run in the opposite direction and seek help. If possible, take photos of the suspect and the vehicle.
- Never accept rides from or offer rides to strangers.
- Share your live location when using taxis and use known, registered services.
- Carry pepper spray.
- Avoid forming social media connections with strangers; it could be the start of a grooming process. If you do not know someone, do not accept a friend request from them.
- In a taxi, sit behind the driver and text for help if needed, while also sharing your location with friends and family.



Safety in your neighbourhood, even on campus,

is also YOUR responsibility



DURING

When you witness a kidnapping:

- Take note of details of your capturer: car make, colour, captors' clothing, number plates (write registration number down on the road or in the

dirt to remember).
Report to authorities immediately.

During kidnapping:

- Stay calm. Resist by dropping to the ground, grabbing the kidnapper's one ankle, crossing your legs around the other, and screaming. If forced into a car, count the

seconds, note your surroundings, and kick out the boot light. Wave your hand through the opening to draw attention.

- Try to keep your smartphone on and active. Send an emergency signal if you can.

In captivity:

- Ask to use the bathroom/toilet and touch surfaces to leave prints.
- Comply with your captor and maintain a respectful tone to avoid escalating tension. The less you fight, the fewer injuries you are likely to sustain.
- Listen carefully to gather information that may aid in your escape or help apprehend the kidnapper later.
- Stay active with exercises suitable for your circumstances (even when restraint) and remain positive.
- Warning signs: if the abductors reveal their identities, stop feeding you, treat you harshly, or free others but not you, they intend to kill you. Do everything possible to escape immediately.

AFTER

- Seek trauma counselling and a medical check-up.
- Cooperate with authorities and provide all necessary information.



CONTACT DETAILS

Protection Services

- **BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS**
051 401 2634 / 051 401 2911
080 020 4682 (toll free)
- **QWAQWA CAMPUS**
058 718 5460 / 058 718 5175
- **SOUTH CAMPUS**
051 505 1217 / 051 505 1478

Crime Stop

(report criminal activity anonymously)
08600 10111

Mobile phone emergency number **112**

