



## 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.

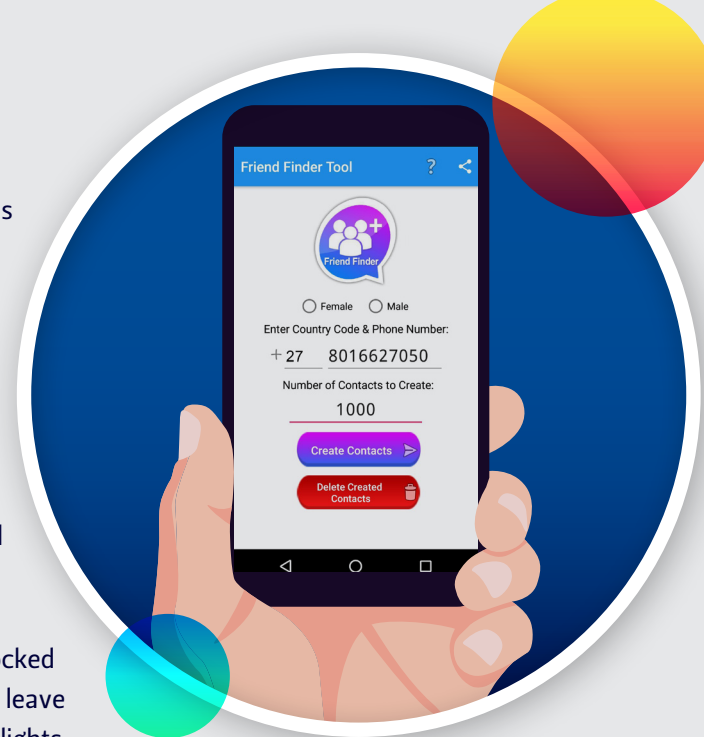
**Always take kidnapping seriously** – report a missing person immediately, because the sooner authorities can respond, the better the chances of recovery.

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

## STAY SAFE

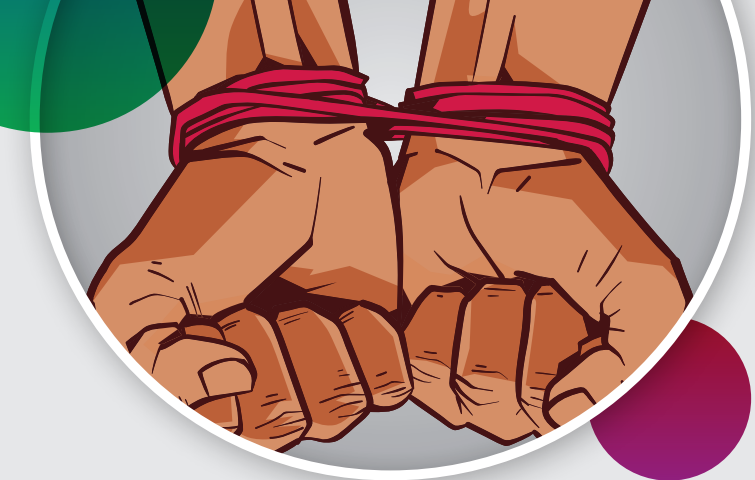
### BEFORE

- 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.





## 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**

