



SEXUAL EXPLOITATION EDUCATION

RUNAWAYS AS TARGETS LESSON #7



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Log in to [WalkingWise.com](https://www.walkingwise.com) and refer to the Implementation Toolkit for classroom teaching tips.

Most importantly:

DEFINE SCHOOL POLICY

Establish a sexual exploitation reporting protocol with a trauma-informed response. The Walking Wise Implementation Toolkit provides a sample protocol.

AGE & AUDIENCE

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Meaningful learning takes time. By introducing topics gradually over several years, educators can create steady growth in awareness and understanding.

Our recommended teaching plan offers a long-term path for middle and high school students to build knowledge and confidence.



5-YEAR TRACK

PARENTS & STAFF

#1 Myths & Reality

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#2 Trustworthy vs. Unsafe Adult
#3 Grooming Process

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Why Study Results Can Vary

- **Some crimes are never reported, making it hard to reveal the entire issue.**
- **Studies collect information in different ways, leading to different results.**
- **Small studies may not represent everyone.**

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In this presentation, we'll discuss statistics, but it's important to note that while statistics provide valuable insights into an issue, they cannot be relied upon entirely.

Here are a few reasons:

UNREPORTED

Victims often do not report the crimes committed against them due to fear, shame, or manipulation.

INCONSISTENT COLLECTION

Geographical areas have different legal definitions for sexual crimes, which may make data hard to compare.

FOCUS GROUPS

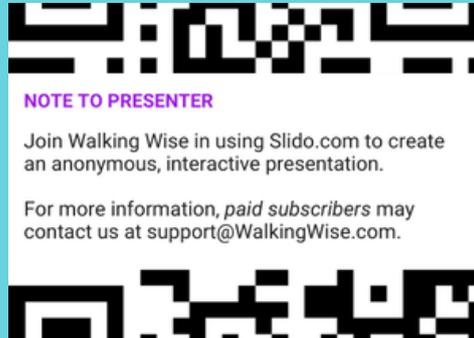
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SENSITIVE TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED

CONTENT NOTICE

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You're not alone—help is available.

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Present the information in a calm, matter-of-fact way and avoid sensational language.

Avoid graphic details. Focus on understanding behaviors and staying safe.

Never blame victims. Responsibility always belongs to the person who caused harm.

Maintain a steady tone. Students often mirror the presenter's emotional cues.

Do not ask students to share personal experiences.

If students laugh or react awkwardly, stay calm and continue teaching.

Always pair risk information with solutions and support.

Remind students they are not alone and help is available.

FORMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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KNOWLEDGE serves as a powerful defense against sexual predators.

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Education is one of the strongest tools for preventing exploitation.

When young people understand how predators operate, they are better able to recognize manipulation and avoid dangerous situations.

Reinforce that awareness increases safety.

CONFRONTING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

includes grooming,
sextortion, pornography
& sex trafficking.

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Sexual exploitation can include:

GROOMING

Building trust to manipulate someone.

SEXTORTION

Threatening to share private images.

PORNOGRAPHY

Involving vulnerable people in creating sexual images or videos.

SEX TRAFFICKING

Manipulating or forcing someone into sexual activity in exchange for money or something of value.

VOCABULARY



VOCABULARY

- Runaway
- Family Dynamics
- Trauma
- Target
- Prey
- Disorient
- Survival Sex



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Understanding vocabulary terms related to the behaviors of sexual predators can empower young people to recognize warning signs of harmful situations.

Knowing terminology helps them identify manipulative tactics predators use to build trust and exploit vulnerabilities.

With this knowledge, young people are better equipped to spot red flags, understand that these behaviors are abusive, and feel more confident reporting predators to trusted adults or authorities, potentially preventing further harm.

VOCABULARY

RUNAWAY

A young person under 18 who chooses to leave home, making their whereabouts unknown to their parents or guardians.



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MISSING CHILDREN

About how many U.S. children, under age 18, go missing every year?



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About how many U.S. children under age 18 go missing in the U.S. every year?

- A) 30,000 children
- B) 130,000 children
- C) 330,000 children
- D) 530,000 children

ANSWER

C) Approximately 330,00 U.S. children go missing every year.

Source

Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2025). 2024 NCIC missing person and unidentified person statistics (Table: Missing Person Circumstances – Runaway). Retrieved January 18, 2026, from <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/cjis/2024-ncic-missing-and-unidentified-person-statistics.pdf/view>

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ANSWER

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go missing every year.

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Message Especially for Teens:

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RUNAWAY CHILDREN

Of the U.S. children reported missing,
what percent RAN AWAY?



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Of the U.S. children reported missing, what percent actually ran away?

- A) 35%
- B) 55%
- C) 75%
- D) 95%

ANSWER

D) About 95% of U.S. children reported missing in 2024 were runaways, according to the FBI's 2024 NCIC data on Missing Person Circumstances.

Source

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ANSWER

~95% of U.S. children reported missing are identified as youth who have run away.

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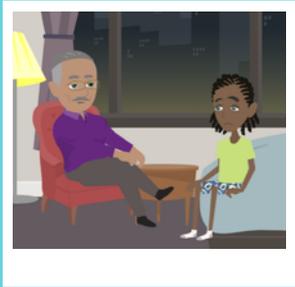
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MISSING CHILDREN



Why do some young people want to escape or run away from their home lives?



VOCABULARY

TRAUMA

A deeply distressing or disturbing experience that impacts a person's emotional, mental, or physical well-being.



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Reasons for Leaving: **Harm**

- **Abuse or Neglect:** Physical, emotional, sexual harm, or not having basic needs.
- **Feeling Unsafe:** Fear of harm or punishment.



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Many middle and high schoolers run away not only because of abuse, but because they feel emotionally unsafe, ignored, or powerless, even if adults don't see the situation as "serious." This is a key developmental factor at this age.

VOCABULARY

FAMILY DYNAMICS

The interactions and relationships between family members.



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Reasons: **Family Challenges**

- **Family Conflict:** Arguments or tension with parents, caregivers, or siblings.
- **Family Stress:** Challenges related to divorce, death, substance use, or incarceration.
- **Rejection:** Being pushed away or not accepted because of beliefs, behaviors, identity, or sexual orientation .

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Reasons: Emotions

- **Emotional Distress:** Feeling overwhelmed, anxious, depressed, or hopeless.
- **Shame & Guilt:** Often linked to abuse, family problems, or health concerns.
- **Feeling Unheard:** Believing no one is listening or cares about concerns.

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Reasons: **Pressure**

- **Fearing Consequences:** Stress over pregnancy or raising a child as a teen.
- **Shame:** Hiding problems or escaping a situation instead of asking for help.

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SCHOOL FACTORS



What school experiences can contribute to a young person wanting to run away from home?



SCHOOL FACTORS

Reasons: **School Life**

- **Peer Rejection:** Bullying, social exclusion, or cyberbullying.
- **Peer Pressure:** Being encouraged by a school friend.
- **Expectations:** Feeling overwhelmed by grades, sports, or performance expectations.
- **Sextortion:** Fear or embarrassment after images are shared with classmates or threatened to be shared online.

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• PEER REJECTION

Children run away from home over emotional distress associated with social rejection, bullying, or cyberbullying.

• PEER PRESSURE

Children are often enticed by a friend to leave home.

• EXPECTATIONS

The anxiety associated with academic/athletic/artistic expectations or performance can cause children to want to escape home life.

• SEXTORTION

Children run from home due to humiliating circumstances associated with sextortion – such as embarrassing sexual photos or videos posted on social media platforms.

RUNNING RISK

Who is more likely to run away from home?



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Who is more likely to run away from home?

- A) Female Teens
- B) Male Teens
- C) LGBTQ+ Teens
- D) Children Under Age 13

ANSWER

C) LGBTQ+ teens experience a higher rate of running away than their peers.

Research shows that LGBTQ+ teens report higher rates of running away, often due to family rejection, bullying, or lack of support. The Polaris Project reports that "nearly 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+, compared to 7% of the [LGBTQ+] general population."

Source

Polaris (2019, June 1). Sex Trafficking and LGBTQ+ Youth. PolarisProject.org. Retrieved March 3, 2024, from <https://polarisproject.org/resources/sex-trafficking-and-lgbtq-youth/>

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TARGET

A person (or object) intentionally chosen as the focus for an attack.



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PREY

A person (or group) targeted to be taken advantage of or exploited by others.



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MISSING CHILDREN

Reasons: Sexual Exploitation

- **False Promises:** Someone offers love, protection, or a “better life.”
- **Online Deception:** An online stranger pretends to be trustworthy.
- **Peer Pressure:** Coerced to join a gang, cult, or trafficking ring.
- **Family Trafficking:** A family member is involved in exploiting a youth.

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• FALSE PROMISES

Children can be lured away from home to join a friend, romantic partner, biological family member, etc.

• ONLINE DECEPTION

Children can be convinced to leave home by an online predator posing as a friend, a romantic partner, etc.

• PEER PRESSURE

Children are often pressured or coerced to leave home by friends involved in the commercial sex trade, cults, or gangs.

• FAMILY TRAFFICKING

Children can run away from home to escape sex or labor trafficking crimes committed against them by a family member.

MISSING REPORT

How long must parents wait before reporting their child missing to the police?



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How long must parents wait before reporting to the police that their child is missing?

- A) Wait 12 Hours
- B) Wait 24 Hours
- C) Wait 48 Hours
- D) Report Immediately

ANSWER

D) Report Immediately. Parents or guardians should never wait; they should report a missing child immediately.

There is no required waiting period to report a missing or overdue child. Parents and caregivers should not delay notifying authorities while conducting their own extensive searches for missing children, as law enforcement has specialized tools to conduct thorough, efficient investigations.

Source

U.S. Department of Justice (2023). When Your Child Is Missing: A Family Survival Guide, p. 7. ojjdp.ojp.gov. Retrieved December 2, 2024, from <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/publications/family-survival-guide.pdf>

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RISKY LOCATION



What locations make teens who run away or are homeless more vulnerable to traffickers?



RISKY LOCATIONS

Vulnerable to Traffickers

- **Transportation Hubs:** Bus/train stations, subways, airports
- **Shelters:** Homeless shelters, drop-in centers, halfway homes.
- **Abandoned Buildings:** Empty or unsafe buildings
- **Lodging:** Motels, hotels, Airbnbs,



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• TRANSPORTATION HUBS

Bus stations, train stations, and airports where youths may be waiting for a ride or trying to get to another location.

• SHELTERS

Homeless shelters, where traffickers may target vulnerable youth in need of a place to stay, and makeshift living spaces or tent cities, where traffickers can exploit vulnerable individuals.

• ABANDONED BUILDINGS

Empty or unsafe buildings where youth may seek refuge when having nowhere else to go.

• LODGING

Low-cost motels or hotels, especially in areas with high levels of human trafficking activity.

Source

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RISKY LOCATIONS

Vulnerable to Traffickers

- **Public Places:** Street corners, shopping malls, parks
- **Gathering Spots:** Bars, strip clubs, nightclubs, 24-hour diners
- **Crowded Events:** Concerts, festivals, fairs
- **Online:** Dating apps, social media platforms



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• PUBLIC PLACES

Remote or isolated areas where youth may go to hide or rest, exposing them as easy targets for traffickers.

• GATHERING SPOTS

Nightclubs, Bars, or Strip Clubs: Places where young people may be invited by traffickers to work, leading them into exploitation. Also, in high-traffic neighborhoods or street corners where traffickers can easily approach youth, as well as 24-hour diners that typically serve breakfast all night.

• CROWDED EVENTS

Concerts, festivals, and other public events where traffickers can easily blend in and target isolated youth.

• ONLINE PLATFORMS

Social media, dating apps, and other online platforms where traffickers can contact youth to make deceptive promises.

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MISSING REPORT



What percentage of children who run away are likely victims of child sex trafficking?



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What percentage of children who run away are likely victims of child sex trafficking?

- A) 1 in 7 children
- B) 1 in 27 children
- C) 1 in 47 children
- D) 1 in 67 children

ANSWER

A) 1 in 7 children are at risk for child sex trafficking.

In 2024, approximately 91% of children reported missing to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) were recovered. As in prior years, the majority of reports involved runaway youth. Children who run away face heightened vulnerability, including increased risk of physical and sexual violence, homelessness, substance use exposure, and child sex trafficking.

Source:

NCMEC Cyber Tipline Report (2024). Child Sex Trafficking. Retrieved December 30, 2025, from https://www.missingkids.org/ourwork/impact#:~:text=Table_title:%20Reports%20by%20Type%20Table_content:%20header:%20%7C,Active:%2066%20%7C%20Grand%20Total:%20836%20%7C

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ANSWER

About 1 in 7 children who run away are likely victims of child sex trafficking.

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MANIPULATION



What behaviors do traffickers display when trying to convince a homeless young person to trust them?



MANIPULATION

Manipulative Traffickers

- **Kind:** Predators can offer to help resolve problems.
- **Generous:** They can offer food and housing.
- **Protective:** Offer protection from gangs or dangerous people.
- **Hospitable:** Invite teens to parties & provide drugs and alcohol.

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Although force and threats may be used at later stages, traffickers typically start by manipulating and building trust, making it difficult for young people to recognize the exploitation as it unfolds.

• KIND & GENEROUS

Predators can seem genuinely concerned about a vulnerable youth and offer to help solve the young person's problems. Traffickers often pretend to be kindhearted people who want to help by providing food, shelter, and other necessities.

• PROTECTOR

Traffickers can pretend to offer protection from gangs, cults, or other dangerous people.

• HOSPITABLE

Sex traffickers often invite runaways to parties to partake in drugs and alcohol, or they may offer substances to help soothe a runaway's stress and pain, giving traffickers complete control over their victims.

VOCABULARY

DISORIENT

To cause someone to feel confused or lost regarding time, direction, or understanding.



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BASIC NEEDS



In one or two words, name a basic need that is hard to access after running away.



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NOTE

The more frequently a word is used, the larger it appears in the cloud, making it easy to see which words or ideas are most common among the audience.

In one or two words, name a basic need that is hard to access after running away.

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

- o Money
- o Food
- o Shelter
- o Electricity for cell phones
- o Protection
- o Friends
- o Education
- o Job

BASIC NEEDS

Hard to Obtain when Homeless

- Money
- Food
- Clean Water
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Hygiene Products
- Restroom
- Electricity/WiFi
- Phone/Computer
- Friends
- Transportation
- Protection
- Medical Care
- Education
- Employment



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When a child runs away, the sudden loss of access to basic needs—such as food, shelter, and transportation—can quickly create economic dependency on others, including unsafe adults.

Predators often exploit this state of poverty as a lure, initially offering help that later becomes a means of control. In these circumstances, youth may feel pressured to engage in the exchange of sexual activity simply to meet basic survival needs, a situation commonly referred to as survival sex. This constitutes exploitation and meets the legal definition of child sex trafficking.

VOCABULARY

SURVIVAL SEX

Being coerced into sexual activity due to desperate situations, often in exchange for meeting basic needs like food and shelter.



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UNLAWFUL EXCHANGE



How do predators often trick young people into sexual exploitation?



UNLAWFUL EXCHANGE

Survival Transactions

- Predators **trade food** in exchange for sexual activity.
- They can **offer housing** in exchange for sexual activity.
- Predators often **trade drugs** in exchange for sexual activity.
- They can **promise protection** in exchange for sexual activity.
- Predators can **provide transportation** for sexual activity.

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Polaris Project (2019). Freedom happens now. Sex Trafficking and LGBTQ Youth.

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• SURVIVAL SEX

Young people often do not realize the classification of a sex trafficking crime includes survival sex, which is the exchange of a sex act for something of value.

Survival sex is when young people feel pressured to perform sex acts in exchange for necessities, such as money, food, shelter, drugs, protection, or transportation.

The Polaris Project reports that LGBTQ+ youth are “3 to 7 times more likely to engage in survival sex than their non-LGBTQ peers because of discrimination and lack of social support.[1]

Source

1. Polaris Project (2019). Freedom happens now. Sex Trafficking and LGBTQ Youth. <https://polarisproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/LGBTQ-Sex-Trafficking.pdf>

GOING HOME



Transportation Back Home

If wanting to RETURN home, contact the National Runaway Safeline:

FREE bus ticket from Greyhound Buses

1-800-RUN-AWAY

1-800-786-2929

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- HOME FREE PROGRAM

Greyhound assists the National Runaway Safeline with reuniting children and their families. They offer a free bus ticket to children who want to go home. The Home Free program is for youth ages 12 to 21 who self-identify as homeless, runaways, and victims of human trafficking.

ASK FOR HELP



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ASK FOR HELP



Who should a young person talk to when considering running away from home or have already run away?

ASK FOR HELP



Instead of Running Away

- Talk to a trustworthy parent, family member, or other adult.
- If you are a student in school, consider telling a trustworthy teacher, coach, school nurse, social worker, counselor, resource officer, or principal.
- Consider talking to a friend's trustworthy parent or a trusted spiritual leader.
- Call the National Runaway Safeline for advice: 1-800-RUN-AWAY (786-2929)
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678)

24-Hour Hotline for Help

- ✓ National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888 or TEXT 233733
- ✓ Rescue America 833-599-FREE (3733)
- ✓ National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-HOPE (4673)
- ✓ National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 800-THE-LOST (843-5678)
- ✓ National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE or TEXT 88788
- ✓ National Runaway Safeline 800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)

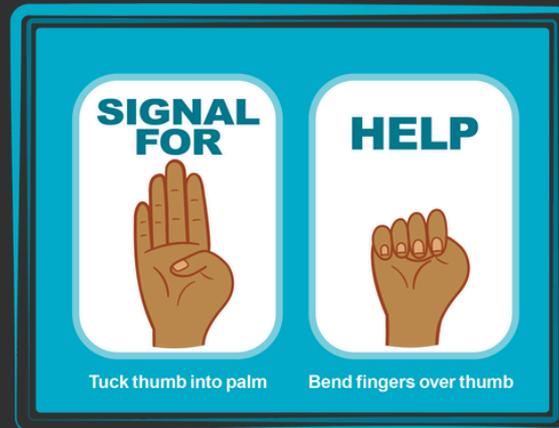
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NOTE

Presenters may ask their audience to consider adding a few "hotline for help" phone numbers in their cell phone contacts or take a photo of this slide.

HAND SIGNAL FOR HELP



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Source: Canadian Women's Foundation, April 2020

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Although the hand signal for help has not yet achieved universal recognition, it may discreetly get someone's attention in urgent situations.

SILENT

It can be used silently.

UNTRACKABLE

It leaves no digital footprint.

CONCEALED

It can be done secretly when a perpetrator is in the vicinity.

SIGNALS DISTRESS

Combining the hand signal with a distressed facial expression might help attract the attention of an individual unfamiliar with the signal's meaning.

Source

Canadian Women's Foundation, April 2020

EVALUATION



NOTE TO PRESENTER

If you would like to conduct an online student evaluation, *paid subscribers* may contact us at support@WalkingWise.com for information about using Slido.com.

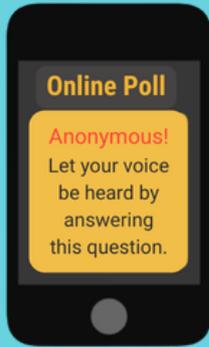
Otherwise, refer to the Walking Wise lesson plan on this topic to access a pre- and post-student survey.



Two ways to conduct a pre-/post-student evaluation:

- 1) Use the pre/post survey in the Walking Wise lesson plan for this topic.
- 2) Activate Slido.com to conduct an online survey.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



1. How would you rate this lesson?
2. What was the one thing you liked?
3. What one thing should we improve?

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Online Interactive Polling
SLIDO.com: 3-Question Survey

IF SLIDO IS ACTIVATED:

Follow the instructions provided on WalkingWise.com to access your school or organization's custom Slido QR code and #code, which the audience will use to complete the 3-question evaluation.

Please encourage your audience to scan your organization's custom QR code to share what they enjoyed and what could be improved about the lesson.

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Thank you!

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To access additional resources on targeting runaway youth, please refer to the last page of Lesson Plan #7 on the Walking Wise Learning Platform.

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