



#1: AUTHORITY LURE

Student Anchor News Script

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ANCHOR 1: Today we begin the *Teen Lures TV Newscast* series. Teen Lures Prevention is all about personal safety and our right to enjoy healthy and respectful relationships throughout our lives. No relationship should include mistreatment of any kind. That includes bullying, harassment, dating violence, physical and sexual assault, as well as Human Trafficking.

ANCHOR 2: Throughout this series, we'll take an in-depth look at how Lures are used to entice, deceive and victimize teens, and how we can avoid being manipulated by these Lures. In today's newscast, we'll examine the Authority Lure. This Lure is used by people who have influence or authority over us.

ANCHOR 1: As minors, we've been taught to respect and obey people in positions of authority, but some people abuse that power. *[Name of Anchor 2]*, who is most likely to misuse the authority they hold over teens?

ANCHOR 2: The Authority Lure is usually used by someone we know and trust, like a family friend, coach, relative or instructor. Although most people are committed to improving the lives of teenagers, some seek out and then exploit positions of authority.

ANCHOR 1: In this video clip, watch how easily teens are lured by someone posing as an authority figure.

ROLL TAPE: News Insert #1: Authority Lure video news clip (1:45)

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ANCHOR 1: We have the right to challenge **anyone** who oversteps our personal boundaries or makes us feel unsafe. As teenagers, we should be especially careful if someone claims to be with law enforcement, and then demands we go with them. *[Name of Anchor 2]*, is it safe to just go with someone who projects authority?

ANCHOR 2: No, it's not safe to leave a mall, store or any other location with someone claiming to be security or police, even if they show us a badge or have lights attached to their vehicle. Teens also have a legal right to request a uniformed police officer in a marked police car. If in doubt, call your parents or call 911. How else is the Authority Lure used with teens?

ANCHOR 1: **More commonly**, someone in a position of influence or authority crosses the line from appropriate behavior to controlling or abusive behavior. Usually, it's someone close to the teen, like a family member, coach or dating partner. When the abusive person is someone we care about, it can be hard to stand up for our rights. But speaking out against disrespectful and abusive behaviors sends a clear message that these actions are not acceptable.

ANCHOR 2: If somebody is being mean or abusive in a relationship, we can tell someone we trust, like a friend, parent or other trusted adult. School counselors are available to talk to, and there are help links and toll-free hotlines just for teens. *(Refer to helpline(s) on the screen or mention teenluresprevention.com/links.asp.)* Telling can help stop abuse and allow us to feel safe again.

ANCHOR 1: Thank you for watching today. Please join us next time for the Assistance Lure, when we'll demonstrate how offering, or accepting a helping hand, can compromise our personal safety.

LOCAL TIE-INS:

1. Interview local authorities about minors' rights and how to verify a law enforcement official.
2. Interview/poll students: Have they ever received too many text messages from a friend or dating partner? Did they consider it harassment? How many text messages are too many?