



WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING?

Child sex trafficking is an underground business that operates in plain sight.

Learn to identify the signs so you can help those in need.

RELATIONSHIPS

- History of sexual abuse or domestic violence
- Relationships that are dominating or controlling
- Dates significantly older men or women
- Spends time with an unrelated adult
- Third party control of schedule and social interaction
- New friends with different lifestyles

APPEARANCE

- Specially marked tattoo or “branding”
- Unexplained bruising
- Sexually explicit social media profile
- Dresses inappropriately for the occasion/season
- Malnutrition, dehydration, or exhaustion
- Displays gang affiliation (symbols or certain colors)

BEHAVIOR

- Change in school attendance habits
- Begins running away
- Gives conflicting statements to authority figures
- Becomes withdrawn and uncommunicative
- Begins using drugs
- Change in personal hygiene
- Hypersexual
- Isolation from community, family, or friends
- Frequent movement/erratic schedule

POSSESSIONS

- New clothes, shoes, jewelry, or electronic devices that cannot be accounted for
- Possession of hotel keys (for no apparent reason)
- Has many prepaid cards or gift cards
- No identification or is not in control of his/her identification documents
- Multiple cell phones (prepaid)
- Fake ID

HOW DO YOU REPORT IT?

If you suspect child sex trafficking, report it right away. Reporting what you see and know will help determine if an investigation needs to be opened.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE (24-HOUR)

1 (888) 373-7888
OR text **HELP** TO 233733

If you are in immediate danger, call 911