

WARNING SIGNS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

WARNING SIGNS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS BEING TRAFFICKED:

Possessions

- Few possessions, no suitcase
- Not in possession of own identification, cell phone or money

Demeanor

- No apparent knowledge of current date, time or location
- Inability or fear of making eye contact, especially with “boyfriend”
- Restricted or scripted communication
- Shows fear, anxiety, depression, submissiveness, tension, nervousness, resentment/anger

Physical Appearance

- Signs of substance abuse
- Presence of an older, overly controlling “boyfriend” who escorts the minor in parking lot
- Signs of branding (tattoos, specifically on the neck and/or of a name or symbol)
- Injuries or signs of physical abuse or torture
- Dressed inappropriately for age or weather

Environmental Clues

- Numerous men going in/out of an RV, camper or motel room
- Adult men going into restroom or shower area with young girl
- Girl lingering in parking lot, visiting multiple trucks
- Vehicle that looks out of place (ie. van or RV parked in back of lot during day)

LANGUAGE USED BY TRAFFICKERS AND VICTIMS:

Sister Wife/Wifeys/Wife-in-Law

What women and girls under the control of the same pimp call each other.

Stable

Group of victims under the control of a single pimp.

Date

The exchange when prostitution takes place, or the activity of prostitution. A victim is said to be “with a date” or “dating.”

Daddy

What the pimps require their victims to call them.

Trick

Committing an act of prostitution (verb), or the person buying it (noun). A victim is said to be “turning a trick” or “with a trick.”

Track

An area of town known for prostitution activity. This can be the area around a group of strip clubs and pornography stores, or a particular stretch of street.

Circuit

A series of cities among which prostituted people are moved.

Quota

A set amount of money that a trafficking victim must make each night before she can come “home.”

Turn Out

To be forced into prostitution (verb) or a person newly involved in prostitution (noun).

TO REPORT A TIP OR CONNECT WITH ANTI-TRAFFICKING SERVICES IN YOUR AREA, CONTACT:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

1-866-347-2423 (U.S. & Canada)

1-802-872-6199 (International Calls)

ICE’s hotline to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity.
Call or complete an online tip form.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

1-800-843-5678

If you have information about a missing child or suspected child sexual exploitation, call to report it or visit their website,

www.missingkids.com/cybertipline.com

The National Runaway Switchboard

1-800-RUNAWAY

The National Runaway Switchboard serves as the federally-designated national communication system for homeless and runaway youth. Through hotline and online services, NRS provides crisis intervention, referrals to local resources, and education and prevention services to youth, families and community members throughout the country 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: 911