

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY WARNING SIGNS

Hotels • Motels • Resorts • B&B



Signs that an individual may be trafficked:

POSSESSIONS

- Wearing expensive shoes or outfit
- 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 or addictions
- Presence of an older, overly controlling “boyfriend” who escorts the minor, loiters in the bar, lobby or parking lot
- Injuries or signs of physical abuse
- Signs of branding: initials, name, saying or symbol; may deny knowing meaning of the tattoo
- Dressed inappropriately for age or weather

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUES

- Numerous men going in and out of a hotel room
- Trash cans with drug or sex paraphernalia or excessive amounts of alcohol in the room
- Loiterers in hallway outside a hotel room
- Portable massage table in room with lights/cameras

Language that may indicate trafficking:

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 coming “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:

⚠️ If you see something suspicious, MAKE THE CALL.

You don't have to know all the details to be helpful.

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.
cybertipline.com

IN AN EMERGENCY: 911

Online Training for Hospitality Employees
in Spanish and English
safeactionproject.org

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

A national, toll-free hotline, available from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.