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:

In An Emergency: 911

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

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.

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