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# SPOT THE SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## LOOK FOR **16** KEY INDICATORS

Recognizing potential red flags and knowing the key indicators of human trafficking and sexual exploitation is an important step in identifying more victims and helping them find the assistance they need.

### HAS THE PERSON EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

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| <b>1</b> IS UNPAID OR PAID VERY LITTLE                 | <b>7</b> ABUSIVE OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE                        | <b>13</b> DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION                   |
| <b>2</b> SECRETIVE FRIENDSHIPS                         | <b>8</b> COHERSION, INTIMIDATION & THREATS                 | <b>14</b> LIMITED FAMILY OR SOCIAL CONTACT WITH OTHERS |
| <b>3</b> NOT FREE TO COME AND GO                       | <b>9</b> OWES LARGE DEBT & UNABLE TO PAY                   | <b>15</b> OFTEN GOES MISSING FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME |
| <b>4</b> WORKS EXCESSIVE LONG HOURS                    | <b>10</b> LOSS OF CONTROL OF ID DOCUMENTS                  | <b>16</b> HUMILIATING WORKING OR LIVING CONDITIONS     |
| <b>5</b> LIED, COHERSED OR DECEIVED                    | <b>11</b> ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR OR FEAR                        |  |
| <b>6</b> RELATIONSHIPS WITH SIGNIFICANTLY OLDER PEOPLE | <b>12</b> ENTERING OR LEAVING VEHICLES WITH UNKNOWN ADULTS |  |

### A TRAFFICKED VICTIM COULD SHOW ONE OR MORE OF THESE RED FLAGS:

**This list of red flags is not exhaustive and represents some of the most common signs of suspected human trafficking victims. These red flags could also not be present in all trafficking cases and only some of these indicators may be noticeable.**

Avoids eye contact.

Is always accompanied by someone who is controlling their actions or words, and lacks control of their interactions.

Someone else always speaks on his or her behalf and always defers answers to another person.

Are frightened to talk to authorities or strangers and they are closely monitored and controlled.

Is not in control of his/her own money, identification documents, or other forms of ID.

Has inconsistencies in his/her story of where they are from or where they are staying. They don't know their address and have a lack of knowledge of their current whereabouts.

They are transported to or from work, and sometimes live and work at the same place.

They might have poor mental health or abnormal behavior.

Looks sluggish as if in a constant high or under the influence of substances such as drugs or alcohol.

They may have signs of abuse or poor physical health. Appears malnourished, hungry, has lack of sleep or shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse and torture.

Are fearful, depressed, nervous and have anxious behavior.

They may have scars or bruises on their arms and lower backs.

Are suspicious and distrustful of people who offer them help or assistance.

Works excessively long or unusual hours.

The places where they live or work have high measures of security: opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows and security cameras.

Victims may demonstrate affection towards abuser; becoming sympathetic to their captors through possible "Stockholm" syndrome.

Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off.

Was recruited through false promises of work.

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE ENCOUNTERED A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH AND LET US KNOW AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY BE SAVING SOMEONE'S LIFE.**

**TO REQUEST HELP OR REPORT A CONCERN, PLEASE CALL THE NATIONAL HOTLINE 888.373.7888**

**IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVE A REASON TO BELIEVE A PERSON IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911 FIRST**

For additional information, visit [HopelInspireLove.org](http://HopelInspireLove.org) - Statistics, data and hotline by Polaris



~~she's someone's sister/mother/daughter/wife~~

**40.3**  
MILLION  
in bondage across the globe

**2** MILLION CHILDREN  
ARE EXPLOITED INTO THE SEX TRADE EACH YEAR



**80%**  
OF DOMESTIC HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS WERE ONCE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

**45K**

MORE THAN 45,000 CASES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE USA ALONE

**150.2 BILLION**  
ESTIMATED \$\$ HUMAN TRAFFICKING GENERATES PER YEAR

Millions of invisible children are living on the streets.

**98%** OF TRAFFICKERS ARE NEVER CONVICTED

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**1 in 7**  
OF THE RUNAWAY CHILDREN REPORTED TO NCMCE IN 2018 WERE LIKELY SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

The Department of Justice and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children both recognize that **pornography** is an element that adds to the serious problem of **sex trafficking**.

**ONE THIRD** OF VICTIMS ARE MALE



**80** PERCENT OF TRAFFICKED ARE WOMEN

**EVERY 30 SECS**

ANOTHER PERSON IS TRAFFICKED

Slavery is violence.  
 It's physical, verbal, emotional & sexual abuse.  
 It's forced prostitution.  
 It's barbaric working conditions.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS **MODERN-DAY SLAVERY**

THE AVERAGE AGE OF A TRAFFICKING VICTIM IS **12 YRS OLD**

**168** MILLION CHILD LABORERS WORLDWIDE

**11** THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA REPORTED 275 HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES IN 2018, AND WAS STATE #11 WITH THE MOST CASES IN THE NATION

**14-16** COMMON AGES A VICTIM ENTERS TRAFFICKING

**99%** OF VICTIMS ARE NEVER RESCUED

~~he's someone's brother/father/son/husband~~

**TOGETHER, WE WILL CHANGE THIS.**  
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Statistics/data by Polaris, Shared Hope International, A21, International Labour Organization, U.S. Department of State, and National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.