

HUMAN TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN DAY SLAVERY.
IT IS THE EXPLOITATION OF MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN FOR FORCED
LABOR OR SEX BY A THIRD PARTY FOR PROFIT OR GAIN.**

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FOR MINOR AND ADULT SEX TRAFFICKING

- Visible injuries: bruising, swelling, redness
- Inconsistent stories
- Descriptions of multiple sexual partners in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exams
- Sexually transmitted disease (STDs)
- Failure to make eye contact
- Overtly sexual online profile
- Sexually provocative pictures on the phone or online accounts
- Teased by other students for being sexually active or a prostitute
- Backpage.com ads are linked to a person, business name, or phone number on Google
- Gang signs and/or affiliation
- Branding and tattoos:
 - Back of neck
 - Underarm
 - Ankle
 - Above the breasts
 - Above the vaginal line
 - Matching tattoos with trafficker
- Business cards lacking address: tire shop, shoes, repairs, fresh flowers
- Third-party control of identity documents
- Contents of a suspicious vehicle and/or location:
 - Hotel receipts
 - Drugstore receipts
 - Lingerie
 - Condoms
 - Female personal hygiene items in a place of business
- New high-end clothing recently purchased
- Hotel keys
- Rolls of money
- Prepaid credit cards or gift cards
- Child with multiple runaways within a short period of time
- Child or teenager with older person who is not related to them
- Child appears much older than stated age in appearance
- Child has a rehearsed story, but inconsistent throughout
- Child has in-depth knowledge of life on the streets
- Child thinks that "adult life" and "independence" is the greatest value
- Evidence of controlling relationship
 - Schedule and/or activities dictated by someone else
 - Isolation from friends and family
 - Unable to make simple decisions without approval from "significant other"
- Claim of boyfriend or girlfriend relationship with an older individual
- Fake or no identification
- Multiple phone or social media accounts
- Language:
 - Backpage.com
 - Eccie.net
 - Stable
 - Family
 - Daddy
 - Incalls/outcalls
 - Pimpin'
 - Mr. and Mrs.
- Changes in the child's appearance, friend groups, socio-economic status, level of sexualization, activities, or relationship to authority

