

Human Trafficking Warning Signs

General Warning Signs:

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior:

- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Avoids eye contact
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or of what city he/she is in

Poor Physical Health:

- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture
- Shows signs of substance abuse or addiction

Lack of Control:

- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves
- Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes

School Specific Warning Signs:

- Sudden change in attire, behavior, relationships, or possessions (e.g., has expensive items)
- Misses school on a regular basis and/or has unexplained absences
- Carrying more than one cell phone
- Picked up by different people every day after school
- Falling asleep in class regularly
- Frequently runs away from home
- Makes references to frequent travel to other cities or towns
- Shows signs of drug addiction and/or physical abuse
- Has coached/rehearsed responses to questions
- Is uncharacteristically promiscuous and/or makes references to sexual situations that are beyond age-specific norms
- Has a "boyfriend" or a "girlfriend" who is noticeably older

Students, watch for someone who...

- ... is older than you that is romantically interested in you
- ... is telling you everything you want to hear
- ... is pulling you away from friends or family
- ... wants you to go away with them
- ... wants to meet you where no one else is around
- ... wants you to have sexual conversations or send sexual pictures
- ... is giving you expensive gifts or showing you expensive items & telling you that you can live a similar lifestyle
- ... is telling you they know of a job where you can get rich, but they're not willing to disclose details about this job

If you see something, SAY something!

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

Call 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP TO 233733