

WARNING SIGNS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

WARNING SIGNS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS BEING TRAFFICKED:

- A juvenile is engaged in a commercial sex act
- Signs of physical abuse such as burn marks, bruises or cuts
- Sexualized behavior
- Overly tired in class or unexplained absences
- Withdrawn, depressed, or distracted
- Brags about making or having lots of money
- Displays expensive clothes, accessories or shoes
- New tattoo (often used by traffickers or pimps as a way to brand victims. Either a name, symbol, or barcode)
- Older boyfriend or new friends with a different lifestyle
- Traveling with minimal or inappropriate luggage/belongings
- Lacks identification or does not have control over their documentation

PIMPS/TRAFFICKERS OFTEN EXHIBIT THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS OR CHARACTERISTICS:

- Jealous, controlling, and violent
- Significantly older than female companions
- Promise things that seem too good to be true
- Encourages victims to engage in illegal activities to achieve their goals and dream
- Buys expensive gifts or owns expensive items
- Is vague about their profession
- Pushy or demanding about sex
- Encourages inappropriate sexual behavior
- Makes the victim feel responsible for his/her financial stability
- Very open about financial matters

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

If you need help or want to report suspected trafficking:
CALL: 1-888-373-7888 OR TEXT 'HELP' TO 233733

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.TreasuredVesselsFoundation.org

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

To report an incident involving child pornography, any information about a missing child, or suspected child sexual exploitation call 1-800-843-5678 or head to www.cybertipline.com

