SEX
TRAFFICKING

KNOW
THE SIGNS
&
HOW TO
REPORT IT

Sex trafficking is an underground business that operates in plain sight. Learn to identify the signs so you can help those in need.

RELATIONSHIPS
• History of sexual abuse or domestic violence
• Relationships that are dominating or controlling
• Dates significantly older men or women
• Unrelated adult with a minor

APPEARANCE
• Specially marked tattoo or “branding”
• Unexplained bruising
• Explicitly sexual social media profile
• Dresses inappropriately for the occasion or season

POSSESSIONS
• New clothes, shoes, jewelry or electronic devices that cannot be accounted for
• Possession of hotel keys for no apparent reason
• Has many prepaid cards or gift cards
• No identification or is not in control of his or her identification documents

BEHAVIOR
• Change in school attendance habits
• Begins running away
• Conflicting statements to authority figures
• Becomes withdrawn/uncommunicative
• Begins using drugs
• Change in personal hygiene
• Hypersexual

To report, call 1.888.373.7888 or 1.844.842.3678
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If you suspect sex trafficking, report it right away. Report what you see/you know and let the expert determine if an investigation needs to be conducted.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT SEX TRAFFICKING CALL 911 (IF IN IMMEDIATE DANGER)

FOR TENNESSEE

TN Human Trafficking Hotline
855.558.6484

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE
1.888.373.7888

REASONS WHY VICTIMS DON’T REPORT

• Have been threatened or have had their family threatened
• Unfamiliar with their surroundings and don’t know who to tell
• In debt to their traffickers
• May not know or understand that they are being trafficked

Victims are unable to report for a variety of reasons, so it is important to step up and report any suspicions of sex trafficking.

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