

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.**

**RED
FLAGS**

FOR MINOR AND ADULT SEX TRAFFICKING

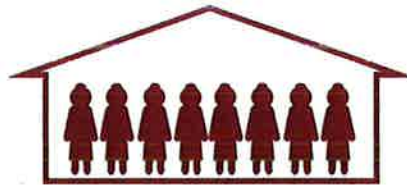
- Visible injuries: bruising, swelling, redness
- Inconsistent stories
- Descriptions of multiple sexual partners in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exams
- Sexually transmitted disease (STDs)
- Failure to make eye contact
- Overtly sexual online profile
- Sexually provocative pictures on the phone 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



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RED FLAGS FOR LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Not free to leave or come and go as he or she wishes
- Unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations, e.g., opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.
- Malnutrition, dehydration, exhaustion, stunted growth
- Dizziness, headaches, memory loss from traumatic brain injury
- Untreated chronic infections
- Dental and/or visual problems
- Chronic back pain, muscle strains, cardiovascular and respiratory issues related to exposure to chemicals, serious industrial injury
- Fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Avoids eye contact
- Lacks health care
- Appears malnourished
- Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture
- Living where they work and in space not zoned for living space
- Transported to and from work by the employer
- Living in squalid conditions and too many people in the space with insufficient beds
- Food, hygiene, and living conditions provided by the employer
- Do not have the proper licensing whether for driving, soliciting, running the equipment, providing the services or even to have a business within city limits
- Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he or she is currently residing
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city he or she is in
- Loss of sense of time
- Numerous inconsistencies in his or her story
- Answers appear scripted or rehearsed
- Withdrawal from the community
- Few or no personal possessions
- Not in control of his or her own money, no financial records, or bank account
- Non-English speakers
- Recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his or her work
- Multiple middle men in the recruitment scheme
- Recruitment fees – may be in one or multiple payments
- Promises of green cards and permanent residency or citizenship
- High fees for substandard living arrangements
- Not in control of his or her own identification documents, i.e., government identification or passport
- Not allowed or able to speak for themselves – a third party may insist on being present and/or translating



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RED FLAGS FOR MASSAGE PARLORS/SPAS

- Permit or license for something other than actual business
- Identify clientele: Is it only men that receive services at the "spa"?
- Location may have a guarded entrance
- Cameras both inside and outside
- Location storefront may be curtained off, blocked, etc.
- "Employees" may be ferried to and from work by the "spa employers" or may live at the location
- Location may be locked and opened only when someone is at the door with a phone
- Men walking through the parking lot talking on their cell phones
- Condoms in the parking lot



HOW YOU CAN BE THE ONE

1. Pay attention to the people in your community, your surroundings, and report red flag behaviors.
2. Don't wait to call. Make your report timely. Those moments matter.
3. Don't approach traffickers yourself. That can place you, the victim and any future prosecution in danger.
4. If the conduct you observe is an emergency, call 911 and tell them you believe that you have observed human trafficking. Don't worry about being wrong. Your call may be the one that saves a life.
5. If it is not an emergency or you need to remain anonymous, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888.
6. Provide "actionable information":
 - Descriptions of cars: make, model, color, license plate
 - Descriptions of people: height, weight, hair color, age, eye color
 - Specific times, dates and locations: when and where you saw the conduct
 - Take a picture if you can safely do so.

THOSE DETAILS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!





*“Texans are not for sale,
and we will not tolerate
those who exploit others for profit.
We will bring the fight
to the door of the traffickers.
We will use every tool in our arsenal to
put traffickers behind bars,
to break up their organizations
and demand
and obtain justice for victims.”*

— Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE MAY BE A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING

Report it. It is better to make the call and be wrong than leave someone enslaved a moment longer. If the situation is an **emergency**, or you believe someone is in immediate danger, **call 911** and alert the authorities. Tell them you think it may be human trafficking or slavery, so that it can be routed to the proper investigators. Or call the **NATIONAL TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT 1(888) 3737-888** or report online at Report@PolarisProject.org.

Call **DPS iWATCH System at 1(866) 786-5972** to make an anonymous report of suspicious activity or report it on the web at www.iwatchtx.org.

Include actionable information, names, descriptions of what you saw, heard, when and where. If vehicles are involved, try to include license plate numbers or makes, models, and colors.

Call as soon as possible after you make the observations. The fresher the information, the more likely law enforcement can take action.

Do NOT intervene yourself. Traffickers can be dangerous. Allow law enforcement to respond.

REPORT IT!	
Law Enforcement	911
DPS iWATCH System	1 (866) 786-5972
National Trafficking Hotline	(888) 3737-888
Text "help" or "info"	233733
Child Protective Services	(800) 252-5400
Office of the Attorney General Human Trafficking Section	(512) 463-1646 humantrafficking@texasattorneygeneral.gov



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WHO CAN BE TRAFFICKED

Adults as well as children can become victims of trafficking. Traffickers enslave both males and females. People can be trafficked in their own country, or they can be trafficked internationally as well.

THE MAJOR TYPES OF TRAFFICKING

Under Texas law we divide trafficking into four types:

1. Trafficking of adults for forced labor, for instance in agriculture, food service, factory work or sales;
2. Trafficking of adults for sex, in strip clubs, brothels, massage parlors, street or Internet prostitution;
3. Trafficking of children under the age of 18 for forced labor; and
4. Trafficking of children under the age of 18 for sex.

An individual can be trafficked into any industry or type of work. Legally, someone is trafficked if force, fraud or coercion is applied to make the trafficked person work, or if a child under the age of 18 is trafficked for sex by any means, regardless of whether the trafficker has to be a family member.

ALL CHILDREN ARE VULNERABLE

While traffickers can more easily target children that are runaways, throwaways, homeless, truant, abused or addicted children, all children are vulnerable to manipulation, deception, persuasion and finding themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Sex trafficking of children can be completed by any means and does not require the use of force, fraud or coercion. Some of the more common methods of recruitment of children include:

- a promise of romance, love or acceptance
- offers of cash, luxury items, a place to stay, independence or a glamorous lifestyle
- the persuasion of a peer who is already involved
- meeting the immediate need of a child for food, clothing, shelter, or love
- taking advantage of a vulnerability or a desperate situation
- flattery, lies, manipulation, deception
- exploiting an existing position of power
- making an offer that is too good to be true
- establishing a relationship with false or tenuous connections

WARNING SIGNS THAT A PERSON IS BEING TRAFFICKED

Potential **RED FLAGS FOR CHILDREN** include:

- changes in their school attendance habits, appearance, socio-economics, friend groups, interests, school activities, vocabulary, demeanor, attitude, and sexual behavior
- luxury items like manicures, designer clothing, purses, etc., without an explainable source of income
- truancy
- getting into trouble in the company of older teens or adults
- sexually provocative clothing

- tattoos or branding
- hotel key cards
- refillable gift cards
- multiple phone or social media accounts
- lying about the existence of those accounts or refusing parent access to those accounts
- sexually provocative pictures on the phone or online accounts
- unexplained injuries: bruising, swelling, redness, cigarette burns
- claim of an older boyfriend/girlfriend
- lack of I.D.
- multiple runaways in a short period of time

Potential **RED FLAGS FOR ADULTS** include:

- third-party control of schedule and social interaction
- isolation from community, family or friends
- evidence of violence: bruising, swelling, scarring
- tattoos or branding
- sexually provocative clothing that is inappropriate for the situation or weather
- frequent movement/erratic schedule
- inability to speak English
- identification documents in the hands of a third party
- lack of knowledge about the community
- malnutrition, dehydration, exhaustion
- dizziness, headaches, memory loss from traumatic brain injury
- untreated chronic disease, dental or visual problems
- chronic back pain, muscle strains, cardio vascular and respiratory issues related to exposure to chemicals, serious industrial injury
- not allowed or able to speak for themselves

WE ARE **NOT** FOR SALE!