



Know the Signs of Sex Trafficking

*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
- Third party control of schedule and social interaction
- New friends with different lifestyle

BEHAVIOR

- Change in school attendance habits
- Begins running away
- Conflicting statements to authority figures
- Becomes withdrawn and uncommunicative
- Begins using drugs
- Change in personal hygiene
- Hypersexual
- Isolation from community, family, or friends
- Frequent movement/erratic schedule

APPEARANCE

- Specially marked tattoo or “branding”
- Unexplained bruising
- Explicitly sexual social media profile
- Dresses inappropriately for the occasion/season
- Malnutrition, dehydration, or exhaustion
- Displays gang affiliation (symbols or certain colors)

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/her identification documents
- Multiple cell phones (prepaid)
- False ID



Report Sex Trafficking

If you suspect sex trafficking report it right away. Report what you see/know and it will then be determined if an investigation will be opened.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT SEX TRAFFICKING

CALL 911 (if in immediate danger)

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE (24hr)

888-373-7888

FOR GEORGIA

DFCS HOTLINE

1-855-GA-CHILD (855-422-4453)

GBI CYBER TIP LINE

1-800-843-5678

GEORGIA CARES HOTLINE

1-844-842-3678

TAPESTRI (FOR INTERNATIONAL)

866-317-3733

REASONS WHY VICTIMS DON'T REPORT

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

- Have been threatened or have had their family threatened
- Unfamiliar with their surroundings and don't know who to tell
- Fear of authorities and law enforcement
- Addicted to drugs
- In debt to their traffickers
- May not know or understand that they are being trafficked
- May have developed trauma bonds with their exploiter