

# KNOW THE SIGNS. BREAK THE CHAIN. END HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING MAY LOOK LIKE MANY OF THE PEOPLE YOU HELP EVERY DAY

## PHYSICAL SIGNS

- Evidence of physical violence or appears malnourished.
- Overcrowded and unsuitable living conditions.
- Tattoos that look like branding (example: "property of... tattoos).
- Ask yourself - does their appearance fit their observed situation?
- In possession of: fake IDs, large amounts of cash, multiple cell phones, hotel keys or receipts, sexual paraphernalia, slips of paper with dollar amounts and contact information.

## BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SIGNS

- Individual brags about getting a job modeling and/or earning an excess amount of money.
- Individual brags about having an older boyfriend.
- Individual has or is able to buy items that are inconsistent with their jobs earnings.
- Individual works long or unusual hours.
- Changes in behavior or language.
- Increased sexualized behavior and/or the individual posts provocative pictures on social media.
- References of online classified ads or escort websites, gang affiliation, petty theft.
- Unusually tired, sudden changes in grades, mood, and loss of interest in hobbies.
- Appearing disoriented and/or confused
- Individual is often accompanied by a dominating and controlling individual who may appear to be older, especially when children are victims.
- When in contact with law enforcement, social workers, medical professionals etc. victims may use language that seem rehearsed; words seem like they are not their own.

Take the full O.U.R. Signs of Trafficking Training at [www.ourrescue.org/training](http://www.ourrescue.org/training)

Sources: *DHS.gov, Hope For Justice, Stop the Traffik, iamonwatch.org*

## EMOTIONAL SIGNS

- Victims of human trafficking often do not self-identify as victims.
- Presents with depression, fear, hopelessness, PTSD, anxiety, panic attacks, suicidal thoughts, substance use disorder(s).
- Substance abuse.
- Emotional signs displayed physically such as individual is easily startled, they avoid eye contact, poor posture, and look to others before answering or allowing others to speak for them.
- Unfounded fear, paranoia or resistance to law enforcement, social workers, medical personnel or other professionals.

CALL YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

**888-373-7888**

IN AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY CALL 911



OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

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#### KNOW THE SIGNS

- Evidence of being controlled
- Evidence of inability to move or leave job
- Bruises or other signs of physical abuse
- Fear or depression
- Not speaking on own behalf
- No passport or other forms of identification

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#### OBSERVATIONS

MY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ex license plate, direction of travel, description of people involved.

#### OBSERVE

- Do not overreact
- Find a safe location
- Look for a physical, emotional, behavioral signs of trafficking
- Make note of physical descriptors like clothing, gender, height, hair color, and age
- Make note of location, license plate number, vehicle type and direction of travel

#### SPEAK UP

- If safe to do so, begin by asking friendly, casual questions and look for physical, behavioral, and emotional indicators of trafficking in their responses, such as whether or not there is eye contact, if they are allowed to speak, or if they look to someone else before responding.
- If it is unsafe to talk to the potential victim skip to REPORT.

#### REPORT

- Report what you see
- Delegate intervention to professionals
- If you see something, say something
- 911 or Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888
- Trafficking victims including undocumented individuals, are protected under US law and are eligible for services and immigration assistance