



Red Flags for Sex and Labor Trafficking and Who To Contact:

Sex Trafficking:

- Exploited by a trafficker/exploiter/pimp
- Engages in survival sex
- Uses sex to obtain goods
- Lives in a brothel or trap house
- Works in a strip club, massage parlor, adult book/video stores
- Works as an exotic dancer or escort
- Child Pornography (photo, video)
- Suspicious tattoos, especially of a man's name: "daddy", bar code, paw prints
- Has a cell phone that the parent did not provide
- Expensive new clothing and jewelry, hairstyles and nails
- Gang involvement
- References to frequent travel to other cities
- Abusive relationship(s)
- Significantly older partner or spends a lot of time with a controlling person or older adult
- Indications or reports of domestic violence/intimate partner violence
- Runs away from home frequently and/or for significant periods of time
- Shows signs of mental, physical, or sexual abuse
- Has large amounts of money or costly items that s/he cannot reasonably afford
- Involvement in systems such as social services, PINS, courts, etc.
- Exhibits overt sexualized behavior
- Exhibits evidence of sexual abuse
- Is unwilling or unable to identify as a victim

Labor and/or Sex Trafficking:

(Many children are **both** sex and labor trafficked)

- Reluctant to discuss how they make money, where they live, how or when they came to the U.S.
- Lacks control over schedule and/or money
- Is unwilling to disclose whereabouts or information about parents or caregivers
- Is scared of consequences to a degree greater than a situation (for example being late) merits
- Is not in control of their own identification or travel documents
- Works excessive hours
- Unpaid for work, or paid very little
- Lives with their employer, or with multiple people in a cramped space
- Does not manage own money

- Appears to have little privacy or is rarely alone
- Appears to be under someone else's control or under surveillance, needs to answer phone promptly
- Contacts with family, friends, professionals are monitored
- Exhibits submissive or fearful behavior
- Coached or rehearsed responses to questions
- Lies about age or carries a fake form of identification
- Housing is provided by employer
- Youth retells the same story in the same way many times, giving the appearance that the story has been coached

Medical Issues Relevant to Trafficking:

- STD, HIV/AIDS, pelvic pain, inflammation, rectal trauma, urinary difficulties, abdominal or genital trauma
- Multiple STDs and/or abortions
- Evidence of sexual abuse
- Mental Health Issues: emotional distress, depression, anxiety, panic attacks, confusion, phobias, disorientation, self-mutilation, suicidality, helplessness, shame, humiliation, fearfulness, trauma symptoms
- Visible or untreated injuries, scars, cuts, bruises, burns
- Untreated illness or infection (including STDs)
- Explanation inconsistent with, or contradictory to injury
- General poor health and diseases associated with unsanitary conditions
- Suicidal ideation and/or depression

Who To Contact:

If you believe the person is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1. Otherwise, please contact:

- The National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or Text to 233733
- NYPD Human Trafficking Hotline: 646-610-7272
- If a child is trafficked and missing from home or a program: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-THE-LOST (800-843-5678), or use their Cyber Tipline at www.missingkids.com
- If the suspected trafficker is a parent or person legally responsible for the child: The NY Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment at: 1-800-342-3720
- If you have reason to believe that a youth is being abused or neglected while placed in residential care, call the New York State Justice Center at 1-855-373-2122

If you are from ACS, Foster Care, Preventive Services or Detention Services, please ALSO notify:

- The ACS Child Trafficking Mailbox at: Child.trafficking@acs.nyc.gov
- NYPD, using the OCFS-3922 form may also be required as per 15-OCFS-ADM-16. See handout on how to send the form to NYPD.
- The NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to commence the victim confirmation process for a child meeting the Federal Definition of Sex Trafficking. Fax the *New York State Referral of Human Trafficking Victim* to 518-485-9611