

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INDICATORS & RED FLAGS



An individual at-risk of or a victim of human trafficking (labor/sex) can show these signs. The presence of these indicators does not necessarily mean the individual is a victim but warrants concern and follow up.

- Chronically runs away from home, history of out of home placement, unstable housing
- Demonstrates inability to regularly attend school or work
- Exhibits bruises, physical trauma, withdrawn behavior, depression, fear and/or hyper awareness
- Shows signs of substance use disorder
- Inconsistencies in story/lying about whereabouts
- Inappropriately dressed
- Mention of pimp, “daddy” or being in the “life”
- Suspected or known to be engaging in prostitution
- History of pregnancies, abortions, sexually transmitted diseases
- Works excessively long hours and is physically exhausted
- Spends time around strip clubs, hotels, or other recruiting grounds
- Appears to be under the control of another person or gang
- Cannot produce identification documents

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