

Sex Trafficking Red Flags Specific to Minors

- Abrupt and drastic change in attire, behavior, or relationships
- The presence of an older “boyfriend” or “girlfriend”
- Excessive unexplained school absences
- Travel with an older male or female who is not a guardian
- Sudden presence of expensive material possessions
- Chronic running away
- Homelessness
- Signs of psychological coercion, such as depression, anxiety, and/or an overly submissive attitude
- Lack of control over his/her schedule, money, and/or proof of identification
- Signs of physical trauma (like bruises, cuts, burns, or scars)
- Tattoos or other branding marks
- Selling drugs
- Coached/rehearsed responses to questions

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- Person is deferring to another person before giving information
- Minor is unaccompanied at night or falters in giving an explanation of who they are with and what they are doing
- Identification documents are held by another
- Person works long or excessive hours or is always available “on demand”
- Overly sexual for age or situation
- Multiple phones or social media accounts
- Signs of unusual wealth without explanation—new jewelry, shoes, phones without any known form of income
- Have run away or are involved in the juvenile justice or child welfare system
- Are undocumented immigrants
- Are facing poverty or economic need
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