



WHAT ARE SOME RED FLAGS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Possible Indicators of Sex Trafficking & Recruitment

- Any minor engaged in sex acts for anything of value
- Individual of any age or gender appears to be watching and approaching youth, systematically trying to befriend strangers, promoting 'modeling agencies', traveling crew employment, talent search websites or other employment
- Crimes (theft, drug crimes) appear to be committed under the watch and for the benefit of someone else
- Tattoos that indicate branding of a victim by a trafficker
- Youth in possession of motel keys/cards, lots of cash, prepaid credit cards
- Individuals being constantly monitored, having no control over money or ID, with few or no personal items
- Minors under the influence of drugs/alcohol in the company of adults or much older youth
- Signs of physical abuse, fear, or malnourishment
- Lack of knowledge of his or her whereabouts or destination, numerous inconsistencies in his or her story

Possible Indicators of Labor Trafficking

- Individuals selling items to or begging
- Signs of physical abuse, force, restraint, sleep deprivation, untreated injuries or illness
- Groups of traveling sales or work crews sleeping in vehicles in parking lot
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts or destination, numerous inconsistencies in their story
- Individuals being constantly monitored by someone, not allowed to speak for themselves, seem fearful or submissive to a person who is speaking for them
- Individuals without their own transportation, who do not seem to be allowed to come and go on their own
- Individuals who do not carry their own identification or money, or have few or no personal possessions
- Mention of work conditions or wages being different than what was advertised or promised
- Mention of not being paid for work, unusual work restrictions or excessively long and/or unusual hours

Important: Do not try to intervene in a situation you think might be human trafficking. Your intervention could result in harm to you, your staff, or the victim(s) or impede an ongoing investigation. Instead, document as much information as you can, and contact law enforcement immediately.

For more information, go to DOJ's Human Trafficking Page: www.BeFreeWisconsin.com