

I'VE GOT A NAME

END SEX TRAFFICKING WHERE WE LIVE

WARNING SIGNS – WHAT TO LOOK FOR. WHAT TO DO.

Vulnerabilities, Behaviors & Warning Signs that sex trafficking may exist.

The following are potential signs or behaviors that may indicate a person is being trafficked. Be sensitive to the situation, yet responsive...they may need your help!

What Makes a Person Vulnerable?

- Poverty or family economic struggles
- Unstable or inconsistent family environment
- Running away or truancy
- Low self-esteem, self-worth
- History of sexual abuse, neglect or domestic violence
- Family background in commercial sex
- Displaced by natural disaster

Potential Behaviors of Traffickers

- May be vague about life-history
- May be vague about profession or employment history
- Makes promises of things that seem too good to be true
- Buys expensive gifts or owns expensive items without obvious income opportunities
- Eventually becomes controlling and may display outburst of violent behavior
- Pushy or demanding about sex
- Encourages sexual acts with friends or other individuals

Red Flags of Being Trafficked

- Overly tired in school or workplace
- Unexplained absences from school or workplace
- Less appropriately dressed than before
- Withdrawn, depressed or distracted
- Detached or suddenly isolated from family and friends
- Running away or truancy

What to Do?

We (I've Got a Name) are not law enforcement. If you encounter a situation of concern that needs immediate attention, call your local law enforcement. If you know someone or suspect that someone may be vulnerable to sex trafficking or is entangled in it, you may contact us. www.ivegotaname.org.

- Talks about making a lot of money
- Noticeable change in wardrobe, jewelry, cosmetics without explainable source of income
- Signs of physical or sexual abuse which may include bruises and burn marks
- Appears fearful, anxious, depressed, overly submissive, avoids eye contact
- Avoiding eye contact or social interactions
- Is excessively monitored or controlled by another individual
- Sudden relationship of an older boyfriend
- Extremely limited income, yet lives with older-opposite sex non-family member (survival sex)
- Unable to answer questions about schedules or living/work conditions
- Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story, personal information
- May not possess driver's license or appropriate identification
- Abuse of alcohol, drugs, begging for money
- Frequently visiting dating services, escort sites or creating ads online
- Frequently checking into hotels and motels
- Possess multiple hotel key cards, cell phones, excessive gift cards or money

Shows Signs of Gang Involvement

- Involved with pornography, exotic dancing or performs commercial sex acts
- Constant traffic of men at home or workplace
- Tattoo of a name that she is reluctant to explain
- Risky sexual behaviors or drugs
- Suffers chronic illnesses or sexually transmitted diseases