

INDICATORS OF TRAFFICKING

PHYSICAL

1. Signs of sexual or physical abuse
2. Symptoms of neglect, such as malnourishment
3. Unaddressed or chronic medical/ dental issues or STIs
4. Close association with an overly controlling adult
5. Recovered at hotels, street tracks, truck stops, or strip clubs, or other locations where trafficking or commercial sex is known to occur
6. Has secret cell phones or apps providing multiple cell phone numbers
7. In possession of material goods, inconsistent with the child's access to money or socioeconomic status
8. In possession of bulk sexual paraphernalia (such as bulk condoms or lubricant)
9. Living out of suitcases, at motels, in a car, or in other evidence of housing insecurity
10. Unexplained access to large amounts of cash, prepaid credit cards, or hotel keys
11. Tattoos or branding, such as those indicating money, matching those of other known trafficking victims, or that the child is reluctant to explain
12. References traveling to other cities or states while missing or lacking knowledge of their current whereabouts
13. Drug dependency or frequent abuse of "party drugs" such as GHB, Rohypnol®, Ketamine, MDMA (Ecstasy), Methamphetamine

BEHAVIORAL

1. Chronically runs away from home (especially 3+ missing incidents)
2. Unexplained absences from school
3. Constantly sleeping during class
4. Stops engaging in activities they previously enjoyed (such as athletics or clubs)
5. Abruptly disconnects from family and friends
6. Significant changes in behavior, including their online activity
7. Avoids answering questions or lets others speak for them
8. Appears frightened, annoyed, resistant, or belligerent to authority figures
9. Reluctant to disclose true identity or personal information, and/or has a secret online profile
10. References online escort ads or dating websites/apps
11. Uses language or emojis often associated with prostitution, such as "Trick," "The Life," "The Game"

