

# Know the Signs of Sex Trafficking

Sex trafficking is an underground business that operates in plain sight. Learn to identify the signs so you can help those in need.

## Relationships



- History of sexual abuse or domestic violence
- Relationships that are dominating or controlling
- Dates significantly older men or women
- Unrelated adult with a minor
- Third party control of schedule and social interaction
- New friends with different lifestyle

## Behavior



- Change in school attendance habits
- Begins running away
- Conflicting statements to authority figures
- Becomes withdrawn and uncommunicative
- Begins using drugs
- Change in personal hygiene
- Hypersexual
- Isolation from community, family, or friends
- Frequent movement/erratic schedule

## Appearance



- Specially marked tattoo or “branding”
- Unexplained bruising
- Explicitly sexual social media profile
- Dresses inappropriately for the occasion/season
- Malnutrition, dehydration, or exhaustion
- Displays gang affiliation (symbols or certain colors)

## Possessions



- New clothes, shoes, jewelry, or electronic devices that cannot be accounted for
- Possession of hotel keys (for no apparent reason)
- Has many prepaid cards or gift cards
- No identification or is not in control of his/her identification documents
- Multiple cell phones (prepaid)
- False ID

To report call: 1-888-373-7888 (National) or 1-844-8GA-DMST (Georgia)

# Report Sex Trafficking

If you suspect sex trafficking report it right away. Report what you see/know and it will then be determined if an investigation will be opened.

What to do if you Suspect Sex Trafficking

CALL 911 (if in immediate danger)

**NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE (24hr)**

888-373-7888

For Georgia

**DFCS HOTLINE**

1-855-GA-CHILD (855-422-4453)

**GBI Cyber Tip Line**

1-800-843-5678

**GEORGIA CARES HOTLINE**

1-844-842-3678

**TAPESTRI (for international)**

866-317-3733

Reasons Why Victims Don't Report

**Victims are unable to report for a variety of reasons and so it is important to step up and report any suspicions of sex trafficking**

- Have been threatened or have had their family threatened
- Unfamiliar with their surroundings and don't know who to tell
- Fear of authorities and law enforcement
- Addicted to drugs
- In debt to their traffickers
- May not know or understand that they are being trafficked
- May have developed trauma bonds with their exploiter