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SIGNS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

LOOK FOR CLUES THAT MIGHT IDENTIFY A POSSIBLE TRAFFICKING VICTIM:

- Evidence of being controlled: the person is accompanied by a controlling person, and do not speak on their own behalf. The person is transported to or from work or the person lives and works at the same place and is rarely allowed in public.
- Lack of control over personal schedule. The person is not able to move freely or leave a job. For example a women who works extremely long hours, sees an important number of clients, and has no time for herself.
- Lack of control over money. The person is not able to keep the money earned. It is "withheld for safe-keeping." Most of the time the person owes debt to the employer.
- The person recently arrived in the country. They often does not speak the language of the country, or only knows sex related words in English.
- Fear, depression, and overly submissive behavior. The person is frightened to talk to outsiders and authorities as a result of threats.
- Poor health. Sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, pelvic pain and traumas, urinary difficulties, pregnancy resulting from rape and prostitution, infertility from chronic untreated STDs and unsafe abortions. Malnutrition and serious dental problems.
- Bruises, scars and other signs of physical abuse and torture. Sex trafficked victims are often beaten in areas that will not damage their appearance, like their lower back.
- Substance abuse problems or addictions. The person is often coerced into drug use by their traffickers or turn to substance abuse to help cope with their dreadful situation.

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ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS TO HELP DETERMINE IF THE PERSON IS A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING WHO NEEDS HELP.

KEY QUESTIONS:

- What type of work do you do?
- Are you getting paid to do your job? Do you receive payment or is your money being held for you?
- Can you come and go as you please? Are you supervised when you are in public places?
- How do you feel about the police?
- Have you been threatened if you have tried to leave? Have you or your family been threatened?
- Have you been physically harmed in anyway?
- Have you ever been deprived of food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat, sleep, or go to the bathroom?
- Are there any locks on your doors and windows so you cannot get out?
- Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?
- Is anyone forcing you to do anything that you do not want to do?

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BE AWARE:

- Many victims have a strong sense of distrust and often do not speak the language of the country.
- Before questioning a person who may be a victim of sex trafficking, try to separate the person from the individual accompanying her/ him. This individual could be the trafficker, acting as a spouse or any other family member.
- Evidences of possible "Stockholm" syndrome where kidnapped victims, over time, become sympathetic to their captors.

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IN CASE OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING, LOOK FOR (IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE):

- Child who does not trust adults.
- Child who is afraid of being deported by authorities.
- Child who seems to have an inappropriate behavior towards male adults.
- Child who has a cell phone despite a lack of other basic belongings.
- Child who travels alone or with a group of children accompanied by one adult who seems to guard them.

ASK QUESTIONS, MAKING SURE THAT THE CHILD IS APPROACHED IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS HIS/HER AGE, DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE, AND LANGUAGE.

- Why did you come to (country's name)?
- Do you have any papers? Who has them?
- Are you in school? Are you working? Can you leave if you want?
- Where do you live? Who else lives there? Are you scared to leave?
- Has anybody ever threatened you or your family to keep you from running away?
- Did anyone ever touch you or hurt you?

SEX TRAFFICKING: IF YOU NOTICE IT, REPORT IT TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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WHAT YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE HAS BEEN TRAFFICKED

It is very important that you contact the authorities immediately if you suspect that someone is a victim of trafficking. Below is the contact information for various countries:

UNITED STATES

National Human Trafficking Resource Centre (NHTRC) Toll free Hotline: 1-888-3737-888

Local police: 911

Local FBI: Find your city by visiting this website: <http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/focities.ht>

UNITED KINGDOM

United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC): +44 (0)114 252 3891

Local Police: 999

Freephone Trafficking Hotline: 08007832589

Crime stoppers (Toll free): 0800 555 111 to report illegal activity or provide information on unsolved crimes anywhere in UK. You may remain anonymous.

GREECE

National Anti-Human Trafficking Hotline (24 hours a day and 7 days a week) : 1109

Police Emergency Squad: 100

National Centre for Immediate Social Assistance (E.K.A.K.B): Hotline: 197

Main office in Athens: 213-203-9706

European Emergency Number (Police/Medical/Fire): 112

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SOUTH AFRICA

Police: 10111

Crime Stop: 0800 10111

Human Trafficking Hotline: 0800-RESCUE or 0800-737283

UKRAINE

Counter Trafficking Toll-Free Hotline: 527

SOURCES:

- U.S Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Person
<http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/fs/2009/106250.htm>
- U.S Department of Health and Human Services
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/campaign_kits/tool_kit_social/Social_Services_BrochureFinal.pdf
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/campaign_kits/tool_kit_social/ChildExplo_brochureFINAL.pdf
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http://www.unodc.org/pdf/Trafficking_toolkit_Oct06.pdf
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