

Sex Trafficking Signs

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- One woman or several women are accompanied by one or just a few men and often the man will speak for the women
- Victims avoid eye contact, do not typically seek help, and may come off as argumentative or defensive if something does not appear right with the payment or if hotel staff ask too many questions
- Minor taking on adult roles like paying for services, excessive makeup, provocative behavior
- Younger person seems to be “coached” or “guided” by older individual, male or female
- Patrons not forthcoming about names, addresses, vehicle when registering, and/or have no identification or may look too young to book a room with a valid looking ID
- The man/woman in charge will be focused on controlling the victims physically and/or psychologically
- Victims and their trafficker/pimp will not “feel” like family
- Clothing may fit in with the setting: business hotel wearing business clothes, motel wearing pajamas or plain clothes, et cetera
- Victims often have few personal possessions, if any
- Rooms are paid for with cash (sometimes) or they will ask if they can pay in cash
- Several rooms may be reserved and the person who reserved the room may not come out for several days or weeks
- Visitors commonly are men who will know which room to visit or have the victim come to them if in a more business-like hotel where the buyer is already staying
- There may be heavy foot traffic and/or taxi traffic
- Visitors will likely stay for short periods of time when the victim is the one staying at the hotel instead of meeting the buyer at the hotel
- Victims may exhibit signs of abuse, such as bruises, cuts, burns, scars, poor personal hygiene, substance abuse or malnourishment
- Victims usually will not engage in conversation with hotel/motel staff
- Victims commonly deny that they are victims, or need assistance

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