

Sex Trafficking Signs

HOUSEKEEPING

- One woman or several women (typically young), or young men, are accompanied by one or more men and often the man will speak for the women, or there may be an older, authoritative woman
- Sex paraphernalia in the room: many condoms, lubricants, sex toys and BDSM items, lingerie, porn
- Individuals leaving the room frequently and/or coming at weird hours
- May have the appearance of domestic violence or dysfunctional, unhealthy family dynamic
- Victim will not have eye contact
- Minor left alone for long periods of time (hours or days) or left with someone he/she did not come to the hotel/motel with
- Excessive number of people seem to be staying in one room, mostly men
- Constant flow of men to one room for hours or days
- Individuals begging for money or food
- Victims and their trafficker will not “feel” like family
- Clothing in the room may be mostly lingerie or pajamas - victims will most likely appear to front desk staff like they fit in with the regular population of guests
- Victims often have few, or no, personal possessions in room
- Smell of bodily fluid and musk in room
- “Do Not Disturb” sign used daily
- There may be a lot of cash sitting out in the room or a man waiting outside the room collecting cash or waiting in a stairwell or lobby
- Excessive amounts of alcohol or illegal drugs in room
- Visitors will likely stay for short periods of time
- Victims may exhibit signs of abuse, such as bruises, cuts, burns, scars, malnourishment
- Victims will usually not engage in conversation with hotel/motel staff
- Victims commonly deny that they are victims, or need assistance

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