

# HOW DO I SPOT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What are the **Red Flags** of a child being Sex Trafficked?\*

- Always on their smartphone and refuses to take breaks
- Sleeps with their phone
- Unable to say where they are or have been
- Always exhausted
- Not coming home at night
- No longer going out with other friends
- Having a significantly older boyfriend or girlfriend
- A lot of adults you do not know on their social media
- Will not disclose information about who their friends are
- Someone (a boyfriend/girlfriend) is trying to control their movements/communication with other friends
- Multiple STIs / STDs
- Will not look you or others in the eye
- Acting secretive; defensive to questions
- Coming home in different clothes than when they left
- Wearing clothes you did not buy them
- Sudden change in fashion (more provocative)
- New tattoos—Possibly cherries, roses, dollar signs, and crowns
- Using words that are indicative of the “life” (commercial sex) such as: finessing, getting a telly (a hotel), baddy, wifey, out of pocket, quota, RHGO (Real Ho-ing Going On), etc.
- Sudden poor hygiene and odors that are indicative of an STI / Urinary Tract Infection
- Sudden negative change in grades
- Expressing feelings of self-hate or worthlessness
- Excessive crying or depression

GET HELP for you or someone you know:  
CALL: 1-888-3737-888 TEXT: #BeFree

Talk to a Professional, Get Connected to Services, Help A Child Break Free!

For more information please visit  
[unityas.ngo/humantrafficking101](http://unityas.ngo/humantrafficking101)

*\*Not an exhaustive list.  
This list was compiled by victims'  
advocates and survivors of sex trafficking.*