



## Identifying Signs of Human Trafficking and How to Report It

A person who is being groomed, recruited or is already in the trafficking lifestyle will typically show one or more of the following characteristics:

- Suddenly has extra money and no way to explain it. Or they may have new clothes, nails, hairstyles, or a new upgraded phone, etc.
- May have a prepaid, burner or generic phone(s).
- New tattoos - name of person, rose, crown, paper money or gang brand.
- Bruises, scratches, cuts, burn marks, scraped knees or mouth sores.
- Unable to sleep, anxious and agitated. Highly emotion with outbursts of anger.
- Changes in mood: fear, anxiety, depression and/or anger.
- Signs that they may be cutting themselves.
- Cuts classes or work.
- Attempts to run away from home, or sometimes runs away for a few days then returns.
- Older boyfriend or girlfriend. Protects bf/gf even when abused by them.
- Is from an alcoholic or drug-addiction home life.
- Lying about their age or has a false ID.
- Sexually explicit profiles and photos on social media, or behavior around others.
- Dresses provocatively or inappropriately for the weather.
- Texts using the words “daddy” or “wifey”. If you discover text messages like these, keep the phone, don’t erase the messages, and take the phone to the police.

**If you believe someone you know is being trafficked - report it to local police and the National Trafficking Hotline at (800)373-7888 or text BeFree 233733 or chat online at [nationaltraffickinghotline.org](https://nationaltraffickinghotline.org).**

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