



The Suffolk County Anti-Trafficking Initiative

Human Trafficking Indicators

RED FLAGS

An individual at-risk or victim of trafficking (sexual/labor) can show these signs. The presence of these indicators does not necessarily mean the individual is a victim, but warrants follow up and concern.

- Chronically runs away from home/history of out of home placement, unstable housing
- Demonstrated inability to regularly attend school or work
- Exhibits bruises, physical trauma, withdrawn behavior, depression, fear and/ or hyper awareness
- Shows signs of drug or alcohol addiction
- Inconsistencies in story/lying about whereabouts
- Inappropriately dressed
- Mention of pimp, “daddy” or being in the “life”
- Suspected or known to be engaging in prostitution
- History of pregnancies, abortions, sexually transmitted disease
- Works excessively long hours and is [physically exhausted
- Hands around strip clubs, hotels, or other recruiting grounds
- Appears to be under the control of another person or ganga
- Cannot produce identification documents

Important Numbers to Know

- Emergency situation: **Call 911 immediately**
- If you suspect that someone is being forced into prostitution, sex or labor trafficking by violence, drug abuse, or intimidation, please call **Suffolk County Crime Stoppers** and receive up to \$5,000 for your tip that leads to an arrest- You DO NOT have to give your name **1800-220-TIPS**
- For more information and/or resources please contact ECLI at info@empowerli.org