

POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING WARNING SIGNS

Unable/Unwilling to give address

Not able to speak for themselves

Child missing from care/
Runaway/Homeless

Presence of older "boyfriend", "girlfriend", or "friend"

Frequent absence from school or work & signs of physical abuse

No ID or someone else carries their ID

Fear of social interaction, anxiety, hyper-submission

May have multiple hotel keys, condoms, or lubricants

Lying about age

Several cellphones

Inconsistent Stories

Expensive gifts

Excess cash

Unusual tattoos

Being unkempt & malnourished

Abrupt changes in habit, mood, behavior, speech, or apparel

BEST INTERVIEWING PRACTICES

Be open to unfamiliar narratives and stories.

Use the **same words** the potential trafficked individual is using.

Use a **trauma-informed, nonjudgemental approach** when interviewing individuals.

Always use a **professional interpreter** if needed.

Have you been hurt while working on the job by either someone you work for or with?

Are you in a personal or work relationship with a person who physically harms or threatens you?

You seem to be in a hurry to leave. We are here to help you. What is making you feel anxious to leave right now?

TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSES

Memories can be random and responses can change.

Avoid the "why" questions. (shame/blame)

Offer Choices-Empower Them.

Limit the number of times they tell their story.

ALWAYS BELIEVE THEIR STORY.



READY to Stand

IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE IS BEING TRAFFICKED

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Assess Safety

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Make multiple referrals to hospitals, social workers, and appropriate social service providers.

IF THEY AREN'T READY

Continue to be there for them

Reassure them that they have the choice to not accept your help at this time

Provide Information

Make sure to communicate options verbally

GIVE MESSAGES OF HOPE

You have rights.

You do not deserve this.

You are not alone and not to blame.

You are entitled to services and help.

YOU CAN HELP

Be aware

Start conversations and educate others

Be our advocates

Fundraisers and Volunteer work

Help us teach at more schools!

Invite us to your civic groups, church groups, workplace, book clubs, conferences, and more!



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CONTACT US

Iowa Victim Services Hotline: 800-770-1650

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-373-7888 or text "Help" to 233733



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