



# SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN

## **Sex trafficking could happen to any child.**

Victims are vulnerable children of all races and from all backgrounds.

What these girls and boys have in common are the threats, violence, lies and other manipulative strategies that keep them involved in the moneymaking sex trade.

### **Know this: a victim rarely asks for help. Do you know the warning signs?**

- Having money or gifts without a known source
- Possessing hotel key cards
- Joining a gang
- Using drugs or alcohol
- Fearing another person, usually older, who seems controlling
- Having many sexual partners
- Texting or displaying sexually explicit photos on social media sites
- Showing signs of physical abuse
- Withdrawing from social interaction
- Missing school
- Acting fearful, depressed or anxious

### **If you believe a child is being trafficked, ask questions.**

If you believe he or she faces immediate harm, call the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center toll-free hotline at 1-888-373-7888.**

Your report is confidential and you may remain anonymous.