



## Sex Trafficking Warning Signs

### Physical Indicators:

- Signs of physical abuse or neglect (bruises, burns, cuts)
- Malnutrition or poor hygiene
- Lack of medical care despite having health issues
- Tattoos or branding marks, often with a pimp's name or symbol

### Behavioral Indicators:

- Fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid behavior
- Avoids eye contact and social interaction
- Inconsistent or scripted responses
- Sudden changes in behavior or relationships

### Social Indicators:

- Isolation from friends and family
- Limited freedom of movement or constantly being monitored
- Claims of just visiting or inability to clarify where they live
- Frequently running away from home

### Economic Indicators:

- No access to personal identification documents
- No control over their own money or financial records
- Large debts that they are unable to pay off

### Miscellaneous Indicators:

- Presence of older boyfriend/girlfriend or an overly controlling partner
- Engages in commercial sex acts under the age of 18
- Makes references to sexual situations that are age-inappropriate



## Online Safety

- Have daily face-to-face conversations with your children to continue dialogue and ask about online activity.
- Educate children on Internet Safety – these conversations are crucial.
- Similar to how we would protect our children from strangers in public, we need to monitor and limit when and where children use their devices and who they talk to. Apps such as Google Family Link can help parents establish digital ground rules.
- Learn the Apps your children are using – take a few minutes to explore and learn the app yourself and investigate safety features.

## Listen to Their Stories...



Trafficking Victim Describes Her Ordeal and Rescue



Seattle Sex Trafficking Survivor Shares Her Story



A Story of Survival



How Social Media Became Marketplaces for Child Sex Trafficking

