

# SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF TRAFFICKING IN THE MIDWEST

- Rebellion
- Disconnection from family and/or friends
- Depression or Anxiety
- Use of drugs or alcohol – specifically to the blackout phase or to hallucinate
- Insecurity or self-hatred
- Sleep issues or frequent nightmares
- Sexualized or seductive behavior or attire
- Tattoos related to trafficking
- Unexplained weight loss
- Baffling cuts, bruises, burns
- Secretive relationships or social media contacts
- Unusual interest or attention towards your child by adult(s)
- Inexplicable exhaustion
- STDs
- Frequent health issues or lowered immune system
- Sudden loss in hygiene or extreme attention to hygiene
- Difficulty making direct eye contact with others
- Uncomfortable laughter or smiles
- Deception or secrets surrounding whereabouts
- Dark circles under the eyes or unexplained bloodshot eyes
- Extreme intrigue with sex and/or pornography
- Relationships with significantly older men and/or women
- Ties to criminal elements, criminal motorcycle clubs, or street gangs



It should be noted that a single symptom does not necessarily constitute a concern that someone is being trafficked. A combination of any of these may be a danger sign and should not be disregarded.

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