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## WARNING SIGNS FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

There are a number of indicators commonly found in instances of sex trafficking.

**Note:** many of those indicators can also be seen in *lawful* activities, and the presence of one or more of these indicators does not immediately mean sex trafficking is occurring. Incidents of *multiple signs* are the best indication.

### CONSIDER THESE TO BE RED FLAGS.

1. Individuals checking into room appear distressed, coerced, or injured.
2. Few or no personal possessions carried in small or plastic bags.
3. No freedom of movement or constantly monitored; avoids interaction with others.
4. Averts eyes or does not make eye contact, especially with a “boyfriend”.
5. Appears to be with a significantly older “boyfriend” or in the company of older males.
6. Treated in a demeaning or aggressive manner, or evidence of verbal threats.
7. Patrons not forthcoming about full names, home address, or vehicle information when registering.
8. Patron appears with a minor that he did not come with originally.
9. Individuals dropped off at the hotel or visit repeatedly over a period of time.
10. Individuals checking into room have no identification.
11. Patron requesting information or access to adult services or to local sex industry.
12. Room paid for with cash or rechargeable credit card.
13. Excessive use of hotel computers for adult-oriented websites.
14. Minor taking on adult roles or behaving older than actual age (paying bills, requesting services).
15. Rentals of pornography when children are staying in the room.
16. Minor with patron late night or during school hours (and not on vacation).
17. Room is rented hourly, less than a day, or for an abnormal long-term stay; guests continue to extend visit day-to-day.
18. Room rented has fewer beds than patrons.
19. Individuals hanging out in lobby, hallways, or outside of the room, or appearing to monitor the area.
20. Requesting rooms that have a “sight” advantage (such as on the second floor and to be able to see cars coming in and out of the parking lot and on the main street).

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**If you suspect sex trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-3737-888**