

# WARNING SIGNS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

## WARNING SIGNS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS BEING TRAFFICKED:

- ▶ Signs of physical abuse such as burn marks, bruises or cuts
- ▶ Unexplained absences from class
- ▶ Less appropriately dressed than before
- ▶ Sexualized behavior
- ▶ Overly tired in class
- ▶ Withdrawn, depressed, or distracted
- ▶ Brags about making or having lots of money
- ▶ Displays expensive clothes, accessories or shoes
- ▶ New tattoo (tattoos are often used by pimps as a way to brand victims. Tattoos of a name, symbol of money or barcode could indicate trafficking)
- ▶ Older boyfriend or new friends with a different lifestyle
- ▶ Talks about wild parties or invites other students to attend parties
- ▶ Shows signs of gang affiliation (a preference for specific colors, display gang symbols)

## PIMPS/TRAFFICKERS OFTEN EXHIBIT THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS OR CHARACTERISTICS:

- ▶ Jealous, controlling and violent
- ▶ Significantly older than female companions
- ▶ Promise things that seem too good to be true
- ▶ Encourage victims to engage in illegal activities to achieve their goals and dreams
- ▶ Buys expensive gifts or owns expensive items
- ▶ Is vague about his/her profession
- ▶ Pushy or demanding about sex
- ▶ Encourages inappropriate sexual behavior
- ▶ Makes the victim feel responsible for his/her financial stability. Very open about financial matters.

## TO REPORT A TIP OR CONNECT WITH ANTI-TRAFFICKING SERVICES IN YOUR AREA, CONTACT:

### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

1-866-347-2423 (U.S. & Canada)  
1-802-872-6199 (International Calls)

ICE's hotline to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity.  
Call or complete an online tip form.

### National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

1-800-843-5678

If you have information about a missing child or suspected child sexual exploitation, call to report it or visit their website,  
[www.missingkids.com/cybertipline](http://www.missingkids.com/cybertipline).

### National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline

1-888-373-7888

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

### The National Runaway Switchboard

1-800-RUNAWAY

The National Runaway Switchboard serves as the federally-designated national communication system for homeless and runaway youth. Through hotline and online services, NRS provides crisis intervention, referrals to local resources, and education and prevention services to youth, families and community members throughout the country 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

