Human Trafficking Warning Signs

General Warning Signs:

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior:

- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Avoids eye contact
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or of what city he/she is in
- Poor Physical Health:
 - Appears malnourished
 - Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture
 - Shows signs of substance abuse or addiction

Lack of Control:

- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves
- Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes

School Specific Warning Signs:

Sudden change in attire, behavior, relationships, or possessions (e.g., has expensive items) Misses school on a regular basis and/or has unexplained absences Carrying more than one cell phone Picked up by different people every day after school Falling asleep in class regularly Frequently runs away from home Makes references to frequent travel to other cities or towns Shows signs of drug addiction and/or physical abuse Has coached/rehearsed responses to questions Is uncharacteristically promiscuous and/or makes references to sexual situations that are beyond age-specific norms Has a "boyfriend" or a "girlfriend" who is noticeably older

Students, watch for someone who...

- ... is older than you that is romantically interested in you
- ... is telling you everything you want to hear
- ... is pulling you away from friends or family
- ... wants you to go away with them
- ... wants to meet you where no one else is around
- ... wants you to have sexual conversations or send sexual pictures
- ... is giving you expensive gifts or showing you expensive items & telling you that you can live a similar lifestyle
- ... is telling you they know of a job where you can get rich, but they're not willing to disclose details about this job

If you see something, SAY something! National Human Trafficking Hotline: Call 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP TO 233733



