

SEXUALLY EXPLOITED VICTIMS MAY...

- Show signs of a controlling or abusive relationship (e.g. often accompanied by someone, has a driver, etc.)
- Have unexplained expensive things or increase in money (e.g. new clothing or jewelry, nails & hair done on a regular basis, etc.)
- Change priorities to fit “his” plans and make grand statements of “We are going to...”
- Have a new tattoo or “brand” of initials (e.g. his name or a saying involving money, “the life” or “the game”)
- Start to become secluded; seeing friends less and less and making up seemingly genuine reasons for always cancelling
- Show signs of slowly expanding their boundaries or values
- Dress inappropriately for their age or their environment
- Have inconsistency of details when telling their story or their whereabouts
- Be afraid of law enforcement and unwilling to receive help
- Be tired during the day from working at night or having unusual sleeping patterns.
- Seem anxious, paranoid, tense, fearful and unable to make eye contact
- Exhibit signs of trauma or abuse such as burn marks, bruises, or cuts
- Not be in control of their own finances, passport, or other ID/ possessions

RECOGNIZING

THE SIGNS

Even if they have shelter, food, nice clothes, and a “paying job”, do not assume that they are not victims needing assistance. They may not identify themselves as a trafficked victim because their pimp is their “boyfriend”, friend or family member.

If you recognize some or all of these signs:

- contact your local Police Service
- connect victim with Lilies of Liberty or another local anti-trafficking organization

**If the individual is underage, contact your local Crisis Intervention.*

1-833-283-SAFE (7233)

Hotline is available 24/7; all calls are confidential.

liliesofliberty.org

PIMPS OR TRAFFICKERS MAY...

- Flaunt fancy cars, clothes, or jewelry
- Frequently spend nights away or out of town
- Act out hip hop or gang culture in an exaggerated way
- Carry multiple cell phones
- Use language pertaining to trafficking (e.g. “turning tricks”, “the stroll”, “choosing up”, “squaring up”, “stable”, etc.)
- Have no actual job that one could visit (e.g. claims to work or own a record label, modelling agency, magazine, etc.)
- Pull the victim into his dreams as everything becomes “we” in the victim’s conversation (When a person internalizes a dream, they will work harder to achieve it)
- Attempt to fast track the relationship (e.g. sexual intimacy or talking about marriage within a short time frame)
- Work diligently in the victim’s life to decrease relationships and break ties with their support system (e.g. isolates the victim from family and friends by moving away)
- Use the victim’s dreams, fears, and goals against them or to taunt them

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To learn more about sexual exploitation including terminology and more red flags, visit Hope Restored Canada online.

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