



**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING**

**CALL 911 or
1 (888) 373-7888**

**National Human
Trafficking Hotline**

**SMS: 233733
(Text “HELP” or “INFO”)**

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE MIDWEST

- **Disconnection from family and/or friends**
- **Depression or Anxiety**
- **Use of drugs or alcohol – specifically to the blackout phase or to hallucinate (escaping reality)**
- **Insecurity or self-hatred**

• **Sleep issues or frequent nightmares**

• **STD's**

• **Deception or secrets surrounding whereabouts**

• **Relationships with significantly older men and/or women**

• **Ties to criminal elements, criminal motorcycle clubs, or street gangs (in the larger communities)**

• **Tattoos related to trafficking (names of pimps, barcodes)**

• **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**

• **Frequent health issues or lowered immune system**

• **Sudden loss in hygiene or extreme attention to hygiene**

• **Rebellion**

• **Difficulty making direct eye contact with others**

• **Uncomfortable laughter or smiles (often mistaken for insincerity)**

• **Dark circles under the eyes or unexplained bloodshot eyes**

• **Extreme intrigue with sex and/or pornography**

• **Sexualized or seductive behavior or attire**