

Identification Tool for Child Sex Trafficking



The purpose of this tool is to provide indicators to assist in the identification of child trafficking victims, assist in identifying children who *may* be at high risk of trafficking, and provide guidance on next steps. Always use a sensitive, trauma informed approach when having conversations regarding this topic, while avoiding the implication of shame or blame on the child. **PLEASE DO NOT ASK ANYTHING BELOW DIRECTLY TO CHILD.**

MANDATORY REPORTING IDENTIFIERS		If you check yes to one or more of the questions in this section, an identified victim of sex trafficking is indicated. Immediately make a report to your local law enforcement agency and also to Louisiana State Police via email to Lasafe.requests@La.Gov
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child reports participation in a sexual act in exchange for shelter, transportation, drugs, alcohol, food, money or other items of value. Child need not have actually received the thing of value.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are photos or videos of the child being victimized and/or being used to advertise the child for sexual purposes (Backpage, Craigslist, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child reports being involved in the sex industry (working in strip clubs, escort services, private sex parties, street-level sex work, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Someone witnessed the child engaged in a commercial sex act (a sex act where something of value is received or promised).

HIGH-RISK IDENTIFIERS	If you observe one or more of the following, this <i>MAY</i> be an indication that the child is at high risk for trafficking or has been trafficked. Further assessment or services may be necessary. Please contact the National Trafficking Resource Hotline (Polaris) at 888-373-7888 for referral sources or consult with a local provider with expertise in trafficking to determine needs. Circle all those that apply.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive, unexplained absences from school or home for periods of time. Indication of multiple runaways, being kicked out of home, or periods of homelessness. Suspicious or unaccounted for money or goods, including multiple cell phones, drugs and alcohol, hotel keys/key cards, or false IDs. Tattoos that he/she is reluctant to explain especially if they show ownership (names, dollar signs, crowns, symbols, acronyms) or other types of branding like cutting or burning. Significantly older boyfriend or girlfriend who is controlling and/or whom the child appears to fear. Using trafficking terms (e.g. calling romantic partner "Daddy" or "Mommy," talking about "the life," "the game"). Associations with people that have had sex for drugs, shelter, food, goods, or money, or the child is concerned that the parent/guardian has been involved in trafficking. Multiple concerning behaviors or indicators that might include chronic alcohol/drug use, gang affiliation, provocative clothing, unexplained or suspicious bruising or other forms of trauma, or multiple sexual partners (which may have resulted in chronic sexually transmitted infections or pregnancies/abortions). 	

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*At all points in the process, consult with a supervisor and/or the **National Trafficking Resource Hotline (Polaris): 888-373-7888** if trafficking is suspected. Always immediately report any crime or abuse to a child to law enforcement.