

# Red Flags

## *Sex Trafficking*

Based on research and data collected by Polaris, 2022

They want to stop participating in selling or trading sex but feel scared or unable to leave

They live where they work or are transported by guards between home and workplace

They are children who live with or are supported by or dependent on a family member with a substance abuse problem or who is abusive in other ways

They disclose that they were reluctant to engage in selling sex but that someone pressured them into it

They have a pimp or manager in the sex trade

They work in an industry where it may be common to be pressured into performing sex acts for money, such as a strip club, illicit cantina, go-go bar, or illicit massage business

They have an older, or simply controlling parent, guardian, romantic partner or "sponsor" who will not allow you to meet or speak with the person alone or monitors their movements, spending and/or communications

"I felt cheated with my trafficker...

He made me feel cheated every day that I was with him"

*Bianca, Sanctum House Survivor*

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# Report it

Report suspected trafficking situations to the  
National Human Trafficking Hotline

**CALL**

**888 - 3737 - 888**

**TEXT**

**"Help" to 233733**

**CALL 911**

**If dangerous or urgent**

**CONTACT SANCTUM HOUSE**

**248 - 574 - 9373**



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