



Signs of Human Trafficking

AND WHAT TO DO

When combined, the signs may indicate a possible situation of human trafficking.

The signs do not necessarily mean there is a case of human trafficking but can serve as alerts for further investigation of human trafficking.

Observe if the person...

- Is not allowed to move freely
- Is unpaid or paid very little
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents
- Is not allowed to speak with others by themselves and a third party insists on being present and/or translating
- Works excessively long or unusual hours, without breaks
- Owes debts that allegedly he/she must pay before leaving
- Was recruited or transported based in false promises
- Show signs of being subjected to psychological and physical violence, sexual abuse, torture, confinement, restriction of food
- Appears to work for a family in their home, where he/she also lives but not eating along with them, with no proper sleeping place, never leaves the house “unsupervised” and may be accused of crime if they try to
- Stays or lives in a place with high level security measures in order to keep him/her isolated or hidden (wires, fences, walls, cameras, closed windows, bars, bodyguards or surveillance)
- Is not able to provide his/her address and is not familiar with his/ her whereabouts
- Has no personal possessions or control of his/her own money
- Is prohibited to access medical care
- Shows inconsistencies in his/her story
- Is working in the commercial sex industry without his/her free will and he/she has a pimp/manager
- Shows loss of sense of time
- Appears to be strongly fearful, anxious, paranoid, depressed or submissive

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Observe if the child...

- Has no access to their parents or guardians, and he/she looks intimidated
- Has no relationship with others of his/her age but with adults who are no relatives
- Is not allowed to play
- Does not go to school
- Eats leftovers, in a separate room and eats after other members of the group with whom he/she lives
- Performs difficult or complex tasks not suitable for children
- Wanders or travels unaccompanied or with persons who are not relatives
- His/her clothes show evidences of agriculture, manual or sexual work
- Is alone and/or is found with a cellular phone that he/she uses to call taxis or an adult in charge who is somewhere else
- Has a consistent secretive behaviour and cannot provide coherent explanations for the possession of money, gifts, documents, keys or cards
- Is in a process of illegal adoption
- Shows signs of psychological, physical and sexual abuse, including sexually transmitted diseases
- Shows fear when in the presence of an older person and may have mixed feelings of loyalty, protection and empathy towards that person
- Shows a highly explicit sexual profile, including social networks, and a high number of sexual partners
- Shows recurrent fear, anxiety, depression and may have attempted suicide or express willingness to do so

Once the signs are recognized, do report them to the National Task Force

The person is under the protection of Saint Lucia government regardless of his/her personal background or willingness to cooperate with the police force.

Only a trained technical team will engage directly in assisting the person.

Do no harm. Consider the trauma the person experience and respect his/her need to recover.

Ensure non-discrimination of the person, regardless of gender, age, disability, colour, social class, race, religion, language, political beliefs, or the nature of the activity when she/he was rescued.

The needs and the rights of the person must be in the center of the actions to avoid re-victimization.

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