

# IF YOU THINK YOU SUSPECT THE TRAFFICKING OR EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN, CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT **1-888-373-7888**

OR TEXT "HELP" OR "INFO" TO BeFree (233733) EMAIL: [NHTRC@POLARISPROJECT.ORG](mailto:NHTRC@POLARISPROJECT.ORG), 24/7, CONFIDENTIAL & INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE  
IN CASE OF IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911.

## RED FLAGS FOR HOTELS & MOTELS

- Is unpaid, paid little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises concerning their work
- Doesn't know their whereabouts or has a loss of a sense of time
- Malnourished or shows signs of abuse, restraint, confinement, or torture
- Fearful, anxious, depressed, tense, nervous, or paranoid
- Without access to their own identification, money, possessions or cell
- Room has unusually high number of patrons
- Has many inconsistencies in their story
- Extended stay with few or no personal possessions
- Individuals hanging out in hallways or appearing to monitor the area
- Appears to be deliberately isolated or shielded from view
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)
- Is under 18 and appear to be involved in commercial sex
- Patron requesting information or access to children or youth
- Minor taking on adult roles or behaving older than actual age (paying bills, requesting services)
- Rentals of pornography when children are staying in the room
- Minor accessing business center and frequenting social networking or sexually explicit websites (eg. Backpage, Tinder, Craigslist)
- Patron appears with a minor that they did not come with originally
- Constant flow of adults waiting in the lobby or outside of a room occupied by a minor.
- Children loitering and soliciting customers

**NOTE:** Trafficking and exploitation can take many forms. Victims of exploitation can be found working in factory labor, mining, farming, nail salons, the commercial sex industry, massage services, commercial cleaning, hospitality, strip clubs, construction, bars and restaurants, and many other economic venues. The International Labor Organisation estimates that over 20% of trafficking occurs in the form of sexual exploitation. It is a common misconception that all individuals involved in sex work are exploited or trafficked. This is not the case. However, any minor involved in commercial sex is considered a victim of exploitation. Love146 exists to specifically address the trafficking and exploitation of children. If you suspect a minor is being exploited or trafficked you should call the Trafficking Hotline.

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END CHILD TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION