

# SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE AND A CRIME.

Human trafficking is an offence that involves controlling, forcing, intimidating or deceiving a person of any age in order to exploit them through various forms of sexual exploitation or forced labour.

Trafficked/sexually exploited people aren't always hidden in dark rooms, away from the public eye. They're often transported from one place to another and use public transportation. You can play a crucial role in the fight against this issue by being the eyes and ears of the community.

## SIGNS THAT SOMEONE MAY BE A VICTIM:

- They may seem disoriented or disheveled.
- They appear withdrawn and/or intimidated (rarely smile).
- The person/people they're with seems to be preventing them from moving about freely.
- They may be made up to look older than they really are.
- They may show signs of physical abuse.
- The person/people they're with are significantly older.
- They don't have their own credit cards or forms of identification.
- They're travelling with minimal luggage.
- They may insist on paying cash or using disposable or reloadable gift credit cards.
- They may claim to be visiting but aren't able to clarify where they're staying.

**SAY  
SOMETHING  
IF YOU  
SEE  
SOMETHING**



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