

Do you recognise human trafficking?

Sexual exploitation



Sera doesn't know what to do. Her new boyfriend made a video of them having sex and now he's threatening to put it online if she doesn't do what he asks: sell her body online..

Human trafficking is a serious violation of human rights, in which people are exploited. It can take many forms: sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, forced criminality, forced begging, and forced organ removal. Victims of human trafficking often do not realize that they are the victim of a crime.

You can help by being alert to possible human trafficking and reporting it. Below you will find signs that might indicate sexual exploitation. Visit www.emm-online.nl for indicator cards on other forms of exploitation.

Signs of possible sexual exploitation

There are several signs that someone may be a victim of sexual exploitation. For example, if the person:

- ▶ is forced to make **pornographic** images
- ▶ is forced to have **sex with others than their partner**
- ▶ was asked, approached, or put under pressure to work in **prostitution**
- ▶ was **misled** about the sort of work they would be doing and did not know it would be sex work
- ▶ has **no option to refuse** sex without a condom, specific sex acts, or clients
- ▶ has to work just as hard when **menstruating** or **pregnant**
- ▶ does not make their own appointments with clients and/or **does not receive clients' payments themselves**
- ▶ has **unexplained debts** or has to hand over a large portion of their income
- ▶ has **tattoos** indicating 'possession', such as the name of their exploiter
- ▶ is often watched or **escorted**
- ▶ shows signs of **fear or unease** in the presence of their escort
- ▶ has **limited contact** with the outside world
- ▶ does not have their **passport or ID-card in their own possession**
- ▶ has **several telephones**
- ▶ is **secretive** about new friends and acquaintances
- ▶ **sleeps or lives** in their place of work
- ▶ is **brought to and collected from** their place of work
- ▶ does not know their own **home and/or work address**
- ▶ **is not allowed to go to the doctor** if they are sick
- ▶ is (or has been) subjected to **violence** or has unexplained physical **injuries**
- ▶ shows unaccountable **changes** in behaviour or has become **addicted** to alcohol or drugs through others

What can you do?

Any of these signs, or a combination of them, may point to sexual exploitation. If you have suspicions, please report them:

- Urgent? Call the police at **112**
- Less urgent? Call the police at **0900-8844** (ask for AVIM)
- Want to stay anonymous? Call M. (Meld Misdaad Anoniem) at **0800-7000**, or check www.meldmisdaadanoniem.nl

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