

11 Trafficking Red Flags in Adults

1**Have inconsistencies in their story**

The person may tell you conflicting information or sound confused.

2**Unable to provide identification**

They may not have an ID or someone (like an employer) is "holding" it for them.

3**Unsure of their location**

They may be unable to clarify where they are staying or how to get there.

4**Avoids eye contact**

They may let someone else speak for them or defer to another person before giving information.

5**Exhibits fear, paranoia, or anxiety**

Avoids eye contact and is fearful of law enforcement/or government authorities.

6**Not in control of their money or possessions**

Work is unpaid or they are paid very little (e.g., only through tips).

7**Is unable to leave their job**

May owe "debts" to their employer, fear the outside world, or have no place to go.

8**Has multiple medical visits/poor health**

May be treated for sexually transmitted infections, injuries, pregnancies, and drug dependencies.

9**Lives with their employer**

Works for long hours "on demand." Might refer to their employer as a relative.

10**Has a history of drug use**

They may be addicted and be afraid of losing access to drugs that traffickers provide.

11**Has conversations that sound rehearsed**

A trafficked person may be forced to stick to a trafficker's script.

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