



The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (also known as CSEC or child sex trafficking) is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, or advertising of a minor child for the purpose of a commercial sex act, which involves the exchange of anything of value – such as gifts, drugs or a place to stay – for sexual activity. While no single indicator confirms the existence of child sex trafficking, several indicators combined can mean it is more likely that a child is being exploited or is actively being targeted and recruited.

Be aware of indicators and make the difference.

LOOK

Changes in school attendance, habits, virtual behavior, friend groups, vocabulary, demeanor, and attitude

• Sudden appearance of luxury items s/he cannot afford — e.g., manicures, designer clothes, purses

Refillable gift cards

• Sexually suggestive clothing or clothing inappropriate for the weather

Tattoos or branding

• Multiple phones or social media accounts and/or lying about the existence of social media accounts

- Inappropriate, sexually suggestive pictures posted online or stored on the phone
- Unexplained injuries, unaddressed medical issues, or accesses medical care alone or with an unrelated adult
- Social interaction and schedule seem to be controlled by someone else
- Isolation from family, friends, and community
- Age-inappropriate friends, boyfriends/girlfriends

LISTEN

- References traveling to other cities or states or lacks knowledge of travel plans, destinations, or current location
- Seems unsure, hesitant to answer, or lies when asked about age and identity
- Looks to others before answering questions or avoids answering questions and lets others speak for him or her
 - Does not ask for help or resists offers to get out of the situation
 - Uses trafficking-related terms like "trick,""the life," or "the game"
 - Preoccupied with or anxious about "getting money"
 - Seems unsure about where s/he lives; has a history of running away
 - References traveling job opportunities, including modeling, singing and/or dancing in a music group, or magazine sales crew

CALL

• If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 911

• If you suspect child sex trafficking, call local law enforcement. In Deschutes County, call 541-693-6911

 If you have questions or concerns and want to talk to an advocate, call at: project (Anti-Trafficking Project) at 541-647-0658 at: project is a program of J Bar J Youth Services

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