



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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