

Indicators of sex trafficking may include*:

- Any person under the age of 18 engaged in commercial sex regardless of force, fraud, or coercion
- Age discrepancy between the youth and their older boyfriend/girlfriend/partner who is controlling or abusive
- Signs of drug or alcohol use
- Self-inflicted injuries – cutting
- Chronic runaway or homeless youth (LGBTQ homeless youth are especially vulnerable)
- Signs of "branding" – tattoos, specific jewelry, etc.
- Cell phone provided by boyfriend/girlfriend/partner that must be answered
- Inappropriate dress for age, weather, or situation
- Frequent and/or unexplained absences from school
- Frequent travel or moving
- Boyfriend/girlfriend/partner dictates where the victim can be and when
- Expensive items the youth cannot afford – purses, jewelry, electronics, etc.
- Youth who engage in "survival sex" – feel they must engage in sex for food, housing, or other necessities

* Not every example needs to be present to indicate trafficking. If you are concerned, you should report it.

Here is what you can do:

1

Know the signs.

Visit weaveinc.org/sex-trafficking to learn more about the indicators of sex trafficking.

2

Be aware.

Download the *GoodTown app* to report suspicious activity.

3

Take action.

If someone is in immediate danger, **call 9-1-1**.
To report a sighting, call the Sheriff at **(916) 874-5115** or the Sacramento Police Department at **(916) 264-5471** or your local law enforcement agency.

It is up to
all of us
to stop
sex trafficking
in our
neighborhood

Take action to **stop**
sex trafficking in our community.



For more information, call the
WEAVE 24/7 support line: (916) 920-2952

Sex trafficking defined:

Sex trafficking is the exchange of sex for anything of value. Sex traffickers groom victims and then use violence, threats, lies, false promises, and other forms of control and manipulation to prevent the victims from leaving. Victims of sex trafficking can be anywhere. Common venues:

- Private residences/residential brothels
- Street-based commercial sex
- Hotels and motels
- Internet-based commercial sex
- Commercial-front brothels (massage parlors, etc.)
- Truck stops
- Pornography
- Strip clubs
- Bars and clubs
- Escort services

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WEAVE's Role in Supporting Child & Adult Victims of Sex Trafficking

24/7 Crisis Intervention:

**24/7 Support Line: (916) 920-2952
or Toll Free at (866) 920-2952**

WEAVE's Support Line is for victims to request help. CPS and law enforcement use the support line to request an Advocate to respond to a child at the time of rescue. Adult victims can also use the line to request access to a confidential emergency shelter.

Anti-trafficking Response Team (ART)

WEAVE operates the only 24/7 response team supporting both child and adult victims of sex trafficking in Sacramento County.

A WEAVE Advocate is assigned to a child upon request and remains present until the child's situation is stabilized and the best course of action is determined.

WEAVE Advocates are also available to respond to adult victims by providing support, advocacy, and assistance obtaining additional services including emergency shelter.

For professional training in sex trafficking prevention, please call **(916) 319-4967**.

WEAVE Supportive Services:

- **Advocacy & Accompaniment:** WEAVE Advocates are available to go with survivors to interviews with law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, medical appointments, etc., and to provide telephone and in-person advocacy on behalf of the survivor.
- **Case Management:** Adult and child survivors of sex trafficking can receive ongoing support from an Anti-trafficking Response Team Advocate who can assist with addressing safe housing, accessing benefits and public services, accessing training and applying for employment, addressing outstanding legal issues, and other barriers to safety and self-sufficiency.
- **Trauma-Informed Counseling:** WEAVE provides counseling by trained MFTs, MSWs, and supervised interns.
- **Legal Assistance:** WEAVE provides limited-scope legal assistance for adult survivors of sex trafficking regardless of immigration status, including applying for T visas for immigrant victims.
- **Emergency and Traditional Housing:** WEAVE can provide confidential emergency shelter and traditional housing for adult victims of sex trafficking.

WEAVE services are available to any survivor of sex trafficking regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, race, ethnicity, age, marital status, immigration status, or any other protected classification. All services are survivor-centered to reduce barriers. Multi-lingual staff and interpreters provided, if needed.