



# SEX TRAFFICKING INDICATORS IN THE **HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY**

## INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL VICTIMS: Does the individual...

- Defer to another person to speak for them, or appear to be coached on what to say?
- Receive frequent and/or consecutive guests in the hotel room?
- Appear distressed, disoriented, or show signs of abuse?
- Frequently request additional towels, new linens, etc., but deny staff entry into the room?
- Have many condoms in the trash?
- Not know location details?
- Seem to be traveling with few or no personal items, such as no purse or wallet?
- Appear to be engaged in commercial sex through coercion or when under the age of 18?

*No single indicator is proof that human trafficking is occurring.*

**Learn more: [DHS.gov/BlueCampaign](https://www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign)**



## INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKERS: Does the individual...

- Use verbal threats, emotional abuse, or demeaning speech toward guests?
- Limit guests' access to their possessions, including identification documents?
- Appear to restrict the movement or social interaction of their guests?
- Reserve multiple rooms or have an excessive number of people staying in the room?
- Use the "Do Not Disturb" sign constantly or refuse cleaning services for multiple days?
- Leave the room infrequently, not at all, or at odd hours?

### REPORTING AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to your suspicions. In the event of an emergency, please call 911.

**Homeland Security Investigations Tip Line: 1-866-347-2423**

**National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888**