

BUSINESSES CAN HELP STOP SEX TRAFFICKING

The City of Minneapolis is working with many public and private partners to help prevent sex trafficking, and businesses can help in the efforts to protect our young people from being exploited. The problem is real, and it's right here in Minnesota - there are an estimated **8,000 to 12,000** women and children being sold for sexual services in the state. Here's how businesses can help combat this serious problem.

HOTELS

Watch out for:

- Guests with no luggage
- Guests with no luggage or identification
- Rooms paid for in cash
- Anyone who is being restricted from moving or communicating
- Young people with significantly older "boyfriends"
- Guests with short duration visits (20 – 60 minutes)

TAXIS

Watch out for:

- Customers who do not pay their own fares
- Sexual acts being performed in the cab
- Young people with significantly older "boyfriends"

TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS

Watch out for:

- Younger women with older men making sure they go through with getting a tattoo
- Branding tattoos or barcodes
- Anyone who shows signs of physical abuse

Remember, if you see any one of the signs listed above, that does not mean anything illegal or inappropriate is happening. However, the presence of one or more of these signs may point to the possibility of sex trafficking.

*Sex trafficking
is the second
most profitable
illicit business
globally*

WHAT TO DO

Don't confront – seek help



If you suspect sex trafficking is occurring at the moment and a victim may be in danger, call **911**



If you suspect sex trafficking is happening but there's no immediate threat, call the Minneapolis Police at **612-673-2941**

To send an anonymous tip to police, text **MPD** and your tip to **847411** (tip 411).



Services for victims available through Breaking Free at **651-645-6557**

QUESTIONS? GIVE US A CALL:

Businesses who have questions about operating their businesses can call Business Licensing at **612-673-2080**, or visit our website at www.minneapolismn.gov/business-licensing for more detailed information.