

Resources



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NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)

It may be dangerous to attempt to approach a pimp or to rescue a victim. Call 911 if anyone is in immediate danger.

- Rebecca Bender

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A past victim herself, Rebecca Bender is fighting commercial sexual exploitation by bringing a voice to the voiceless. Rebecca plays a vital role in the larger national movement to end the trafficking of girls. Using her first hand experience and insight that comes solely from the Holy Spirit, she currently trains organizations world wide. Focusing on assisting the movement to be survivor-led and empowered, Rebecca works intimately with law enforcement, FBI, survivors, non-profits, secular organizations, safe homes and faith based groups. She is also the Author of Roadmap to Redemption, the first of it's kind workbook for Survivors of Exploitation. Rebecca is considered a National Expert in the arena of Sex Trafficking.

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Red Flags

How to identify

Pimps

&

Traffickers

Human Trafficking defined

"all acts involved in the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer, sale or receipt of persons, within national or across international borders, through force, coercion, fraud or deception, to place persons in situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions, forced labor or services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services, domestic servitude, bonded sweatshop labor, or other debt bondage."

Are you dating a trafficker?

From our experience, usually a pimp will pretend to be the boyfriend...

He will "date" a girl for months. It is during this courting phase that a bond is established. Brainwashing and manipulation are used to seclude the victim.

Typically, violence and threats are then used to force the girlfriend turned victim into a life of prostitution; making it believe it was her choice.

How can you tell if your daughter, friend or student is dating a pimp?

If **three or more** of the following apply to the relationship, this should be seen as a red flag and cause you to look a little further into the situation.

identifying Pimps

- Fancy car, clothes, or jewelry.
- Frequently spends nights away or out of town.
- Acts out the hip hop culture.
- No actual job that one could visit... (example: he claims to have a record label or his own magazine company, owns bill boards, restaurants, etc)
- He has dreams of making it big and being successful. He will encourage her to become part of HIS dreams.
- Her dreams and goals for life will be put on hold for his.
- He pulls her into it: everything becomes "we" in her conversation. When a personal internalizes a dream they will work harder to achieve it.
- Secludes her from family and friends by moving away.
- Attempting to fast track the relationship (moving and talking of marriage within a short time frame should be a cause for concern.)
- Decreasing Relationships; Healthy relationships should be expanding her circle of friends.
- Gets to know HER dreams and fears and goals and dangles that carrot inevitably.
- Carries multiple cell phones

identifying Victims

- Tired during the day from working at night.
- Suddenly has expensive things:
 - high end name brand purse (such as Gucci), diamond bracelet, name brand clothes or nails and hair done on a regular basis.
- Increasingly interested in or talks a lot about his dream, "we're going to..."
- Older boyfriend, usually one not in school.
- Morals and values have slowly expanded.
- New tattoo or "brand" of initials, his name or a saying.
- Carries multiple cell phones – sometimes unnoticeable.
- Keeps eyes down while in public
- Starts to become secluded: you see her less and less