

Signs of Trafficking	Evidence of Trafficking
Physical signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of physical abuse, including bruises, burns, or other injuries</li> <li>• Signs of malnourishment or untreated medical conditions</li> <li>• Tattooing or branding, which traffickers sometimes use to mark their victims</li> </ul>
Behavioral signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fear, anxiety, depression, or other emotional distress</li> <li>• A sudden change in demeanor or behavior, such as becoming withdrawn or submissive</li> <li>• An inability to speak freely or make eye contact</li> <li>• Displaying a lack of control over their own finances, identification documents, or personal belongings</li> </ul>
Controlled communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A third party who appears to be exerting control over the individual, speaking for them, or monitoring their interactions</li> <li>• Inconsistent or scripted responses when asked about their situation</li> </ul>
Working conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being unable to leave their job or working excessively long hours with no breaks</li> <li>• Living at their workplace or in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions</li> </ul>
Lack of identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not possessing identification documents, such as a driver's license or passport</li> <li>• Having false identification documents</li> </ul>
Restricted movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being closely monitored or accompanied at all times</li> <li>• An inability to come and go freely</li> </ul>
Sexual exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a history of engagement in commercial sex work when they are underage or showing signs of being controlled by a third party</li> </ul>
Age and vulnerability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appearing significantly younger than their stated age</li> <li>• Having a history of child abuse or neglect, making them more vulnerable to exploitation</li> </ul>
Fear and independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressing a profound fear of authorities or retaliation from traffickers</li> <li>• Demonstrating a strong emotional attachment to their trafficker or controller, often due to Stockholm syndrome or coercive tactics</li> </ul>

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Online presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence of advertisements for commercial sex services on online platforms or social media accounts that suggest control by a third party</li></ul>

**Table 27.2** Identifying Victims