

# Glossary of terms

- **The Life or The Game...** The commercial sexual exploitation or the sex industry
- **Automatic...** girl under pimp control who operates without direct supervision of her trafficker
- **Bottom bitch/bottom girl...**the person in a stable of victims who is appointed by the trafficker to manage, recruit and supervise the other girls
- **Quota...**the amount a victim must earn for her trafficker each night
- **Daddy...**the term a male trafficker often requires his victims to call him
- **Branded...**when a trafficker tattoos a victim to show ownership
- **Family/Folks...** term used to describe the environment created by the trafficker, and attempt to recreated the family structure so many youth lack
- **Stable...** A group of women/girls under pimp control
- **Breaking...** To give all your money to your pimp
- **Choosing...** To choose another pimp
- **Gorilla Pimping...** A pimp who uses force to get a child
- **Track/Stroll...** A street location for commercial sex
- **Wife-in-Law...** A group of girls who work for the same pimp
- **Turnout...** Someone who recruits you into “the life”
- **Dates/Johns/Tricks...** Buyers of commercial sex
- **In House...** Someone who works from inside a house
- **Out of Pocket...** To look at or talk to another pimp
- **Stay in Pocket...** To play by the rules of “the game”
- **Renegade...** To work for oneself or to not have a pimp
- **Pimp Circle...** A group of pimps surrounding a girl for purposes of intimidation
- **Square...** Those who were never in “the life”
- **Squaring Up...** To get out of the game
- **Squad...** Cops

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# Identifying victims (Red Flags)

- Avoids eye contact
- Evidence of being controlled (rarely alone)
- Persistent fear, depression, anxiety, submissive behavior
- Hyper vigilant or paranoid behavior
- Loss of sense of time and space
- No passport or other identifying documentation
- Not speaking on own behalf and/or no English speaking
- Evidence of inability to move or leave job or take time off
- Unpaid for work or compensated very little
- Lives with co-workers and “employer” – no privacy
- Untreated illnesses and infections
- Signs of physical abuse or substance abuse
- Commercial sex worker
- Works “off the books” in a low-paying job
- Evidence of controlling or dominating relationships, including: repeated phone calls from a “boyfriend” and/or excessive concern about displeasing a partner.
- Physical and sexual violence are the everyday reality of many sexually exploited children and may leave visible signs of abuse, such as: unexplained bruises, blackeyes, cuts, or marks.
- Unexplained shopping trips or possession of expensive clothing, jewelry, or a cell phone could indicate the manipulation of an exploiter.
- Not in control of their own money.
- Use of lingo or slang from “the life” among peers, or referring to a boyfriend as “Daddy.”
- Secrecy about whereabouts.
- Unaccounted for time, vagueness concerning whereabouts, and/or defensiveness in response to questions or concern.
- Keeping late-night or unusual hours.
- A tattoo that he or she is reluctant to explain
- Personal information—such as: age, name, and/or date of birth—might change with each telling of his or her story, or the information given might contradict itself.
- Family dysfunction—including: abuse in the home (emotional, sexual, physical, etc.), neglect, absence of a caregiver, or substance abuse—is a major risk factor for CSEC, and therefore may be a warning sign.