

JUST DOWN THE STREET

MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING IN MARYLAND



What is sex trafficking?

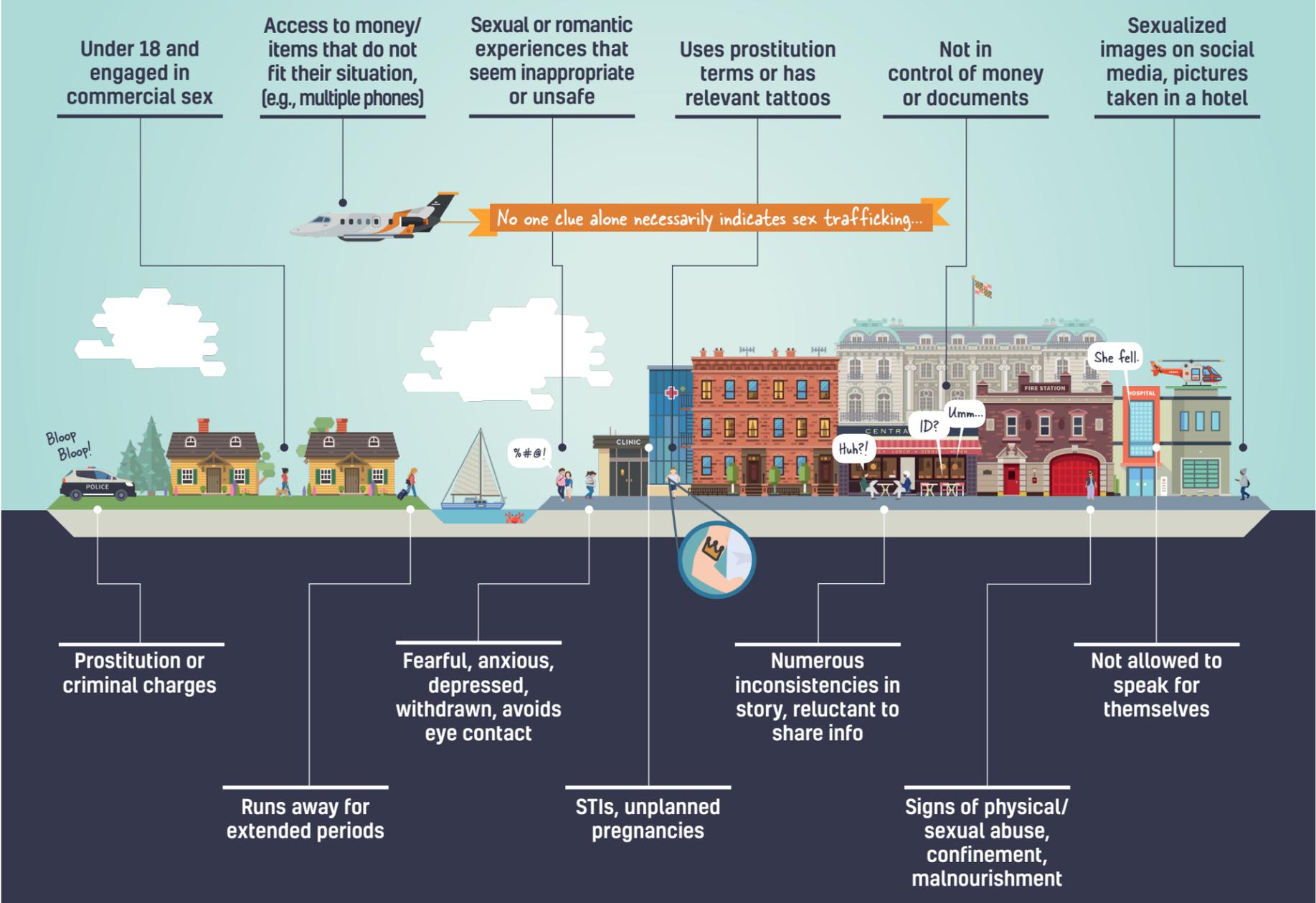
What might it look like?

this is exchanging sex for something of value like money, drugs, shelter, or food

A minor involved in commercial sex is automatically a victim of trafficking, whether or not force, fraud, or coercion were used.

- A trafficker controls someone's activities and makes them engage in commercial sex
- A family member has the victim have sex for something of value
- A gang exploits people to have sex for valuables, as part of their activities
- A minor engages in commercial sex to earn income or meet basic needs

If you think a youth is being sex trafficked, here are some clues you can look for:



BE COMPASSIONATE...
 This person may be experiencing abuse, legal issues, isolation, immigration issues, and separation from a support network.

BE CAUTIOUS...
 Do not draw attention to their situation. It could put them in danger.

MAKE THE CALL!
 Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center to report what you're seeing: **1-888-373-7888** | humantraffickinghotline.org/TTY 711

What you should do if you see sex trafficking

Report trafficking to help people in danger and help Maryland stop exploitation!