

# Common Elements of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child

<b>VULNERABLE POPULATIONS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless youth
<input type="checkbox"/> Runaway youth
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth in foster care
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth with history of abuse
<b>RISK FACTORS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> History of abuse, neglect, maltreatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple incidents of running away or being kicked out
<input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness
<input type="checkbox"/> History of involvement with system(s)—DFS, PBH, YRS
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse
<input type="checkbox"/> Controlling and/or abusive intimate partner, relative or friend
<input type="checkbox"/> Social isolation
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health history/issues
<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ, gender non-conforming, non-binary
<input type="checkbox"/> Inability to meet basic needs (esp. if runaway)
<input type="checkbox"/> Association with gang members/gang involvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Association with those involved in commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)
<b>INDICATORS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appears exhausted and/or malnourished
<input type="checkbox"/> Signs of abuse (bruises, cuts, burn marks)—esp. if unexplained
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in physical appearance—new clothing, hair, nails
<input type="checkbox"/> Tattoos and/or branding—esp. if hard to explain
<input type="checkbox"/> Sudden change of friends
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in behavior/demeanor and/or loss of interest in previous activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor school attendance and/or truancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Older/adult boyfriend or girlfriend—esp. if referred to as “daddy”
<input type="checkbox"/> Absence of a cell phone/possession of multiple cell phones or pre-paid phones
<input type="checkbox"/> Possession of hotel keys
<input type="checkbox"/> Possession of prepaid credit cards or unusual amounts of cash
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple accounts on social media platforms—esp. with sexually explicit profiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Flickr, Meetup, Whatsapp, Omegele, Dubsplash, HouseParty, TikTok</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent travel to other cities, counties or states
<input type="checkbox"/> Unexplained pregnancies or multiple terminated pregnancies
<input type="checkbox"/> History of multiple STDs/STIs
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple sex partners
<input type="checkbox"/> Frequenting an area known for commercial sex