

Signs to look for in Homes, Hotels or Offices

- Unusual foot traffic in the home (survivor may double back to her house instead of attending school while parents are at work and then they come to her home to use her)
- Extra security in place... is it designed more to keep people out or lock people in? Are there locks on the outside of bedroom doors? Locked basement doors? Cameras inside the house and outside?
- Rooms with mattresses only (no dresser, no sheets, etc)?
- Windows painted shut? Windows completely covered?
- Multiple people sharing a bedroom or a bathroom space (especially if the home only claims one or two individuals living there).
- TV, computer, or baby monitor placement that seems out of place (especially if there are no other signs of an infant living in the home, ie, cribs, diapers, etc.)
- Panic rooms or rooms set aside or furnished differently than the rest of the house. These are often specifically set up for filming or hosting “clients”.
- Animal cages but no animals/no animal hair present inside or outside of home or building.
- Basements - torture rooms are commonly set up in basements. While the actual bondage and torture equipment may be out of site, there may be unusually placed sturdy bolts/fixtures in the wall. Look for car batteries, duct tape, rope, chains, plastic-wrap, visible strong ceiling beams, water basins or baby pools. (These are suspect if found in unusually large amounts or if several of these are present).
- Hotel rooms with outside individual entrances or that have both the inside and the outside entrance (especially those out of view of hotel cameras or front desk).
- Unusually large quantities of money stacked (while this would usually be hidden before your arrival there are cases where the money was left out to “brag”).
- Absence of normal amounts of home decor, food, and entertainment. Absence of normal clothing or normal sets of clothing (especially concerning if there are only skimpy clothes, high heels, etc.).
- While a couple of these items may be commonly found in homes where there is no trafficking, any combination of 2 or more may be suspect.

If you routinely visit homes via your occupation, be aware and if you suspect there is a victim or victims within the location, contact 911 or your local HT Task Force. Do not intervene in any way or let on that you are observing anything out of the norm... you may want to crack some heads if you see anything... However, not only does it put them in danger, but the traffickers/pimps may move their operation.