

Wisconsin Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation - Indicators and Response Guide



The **Wisconsin Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Indicator and Response Guide** should be consulted if you have concerns that a child or youth you have been in contact with is being sexually trafficked or exploited. Review the indicators in this guide and follow the directions for the appropriate response. This indicator and response guide also alerts the reader to indicators or potential red flags that should continue to be monitored.

The Wisconsin Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Indicator and Response Guide was adapted from the 2015 Minnesota Safe Harbor Sexual Exploitation/Trafficking Flowchart. Questions about this tool can be sent to DCFAHT@wisconsin.gov.

Terms

Mandated Reporters are required to report suspected abuse or neglect of any child, including those that you may learn about through discussions with the child of concern ([s.48.981\(2\) Wis. Stat.](#)).

Sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are both forms of child abuse, even if the perpetrator is unrelated to the child. Although sex trafficking and sexual exploitation share similar elements, they have distinct differences, as noted below:

Sex Trafficking of a Child involves another person benefitting from recruiting, enticing, providing, obtaining, harboring, transporting, patronizing, or soliciting a child into a commercial sex act ([s.948.051 Wis. Stat.](#)).

Sexual Exploitation of a Child involves forcing, defrauding, or coercing a child to engage in a sexually explicit way for the purposes of recording, displaying, and/or distributing the recording ([s.948.05 Wis. Stat.](#)).



Please review each level of risk

At-Risk

- Travel out of the area/to somewhere out of the ordinary or unusual for the child without caregiver permission and/or knowledge
- Child has a history of school truancy
- Child has a history of physical or sexual abuse
- Child has family/friends who have been or are currently involved in the commercial sex industry (e.g., sex worker, exotic dancing, pornography)
- Reports by child or adults that the child has a history of multiple sexual partners (known or unknown)
- Child has possession of money, electronics, or other material items that are unexplained, unusual, or out of the ordinary for that child (e.g., nails, hair, clothing, shoes)
- Child has sexually explicit pictures of themselves that may or may not be on the internet
- Child has an older boyfriend/girlfriend/partner, or is unwilling to provide information about the sex partner
- Child has a history of sexually transmitted infections and/or pregnancies
- Gang affiliation is reported, confirmed, or suspected

Fewer than 3 At-Risk items selected **AND** no High Risk or Confirmed items selected

Continue to **MONITOR** the child. **REFER** to the DCF Anti-Human Trafficking website: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/aht> or the DOJ Human Trafficking website: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/human-trafficking> for more information.

3 or more At-Risk items selected

High Risk

If you have checked **YES** to one or more of the following:

- Three or more of the "At -Risk" factors have been checked**
- Child has a history of being missing/runaway/kicked out 2 or more times within the last 6 months (caregiver doesn't know where/who child is with)
- Confirmed or reported use of hotels for parties or sexual encounters
- Child has unexplained injuries
- Child has unusual, unexplained, or out of the ordinary tattoos

1 or more High Risk items selected

Confirmed

If you have checked **YES** to one or more of the following:

- Child reported "consensual" participation in a sexual act in exchange for food, shelter, transportation, drugs, alcohol, money, status, or other items of value
- Child reported being forced or coerced into sexual activity for the monetary benefit of another person
- Law enforcement confirmed through an investigation that the child has been trafficked or engaged in any commercial, sexually-exploitative activity

1 or more Confirmed items selected

REPORT to the local Child Protective Services Agency or Local Law Enforcement if you have 3 or more At-Risk items **OR** 1 or more boxes checked in the High Risk or Confirmed sections. The agency will determine next steps. You can find contact information for the local agency on the backside of this page or at: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/reportabuse>.



To report suspected sex trafficking of a child or sexual exploitation of a child, please contact the appropriate County or Tribe.

County	Office Hours #	After Hours #
Adams	608-339-4505	608-339-3304
Ashland	715-682-7004	715-682-7023
Barron	715-537-5691	715-537-3106
Bayfield	715-373-6144	715-373-6120
Brown	920-448-6035	920-448-3200
Buffalo	608-685-4412	608-685-4433
Burnett	715-349-7600	715-349-2128
Calumet	920-849-9317	920-849-9317/ 920-832-4646
Chippewa	715-726-7788	715-726-7788
Clark	715-743-5233	715-743-3157
Columbia	608-742-9227	608-742-9227
Crawford	608-326-0248	608-326-0241
Dane	608-261-5437	608-255-6067
Dodge	920-386-3750	920-386-6713
Door	920-746-7155	920-746-2400
Douglas	715-395-1304	715-395-1375
Dunn	715-232-1116	715-232-1348
Eau Claire	715-839-2300	
Florence	715-528-3296	715-528-3346
Fond du Lac	920-929-3400	920-906-5555
Forest	715-478-3351	715-478-3331
Grant	608-723-2136	608-723-2157
Green	608-328-9393	608-328-9393
Green Lake	920-294-4070	920-294-4000
Iowa	608-930-9801	608-935-3314
Iron	715-561-3636	715-561-3800
Jackson	715-284-4301	715-284-5357
Jefferson	920-674-3105	920-674-3105
Juneau	608-847-2400	608-847-6161
Kenosha	262-605-6582	262-657-7188
Kewaunee	920-388-7030	920-388-7108
La Crosse	608-784-4357	608-784-4357
Lafayette	608-776-4902	608-776-4848
Langlade	715-627-6500	715-627-6411
Lincoln	715-536-6200	715-536-6272

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Manitowoc	920-683-4230	888-552-6642
Marathon	715-261-7500	715-261-1200
Marinette	715-732-7700	715-732-7600
Marquette	608-297-3124	608-297-2115
Menominee Co.	715-799-3861	715-799-3881
Milwaukee	414-220-7233	414-220-7233
Monroe	608-269-8600	911
Oconto	920-834-7000	920-834-6900
Oneida Co.	715-362-5695	715-361-5100
Outagamie	920-832-5161	920-832-4646
Ozaukee	262-238-8200	262-238-8436
Pepin	715-672-8941	715-672-5944
Pierce	715-273-6766	715-273-5051
Polk	715-485-8400	715-485-8300
Portage	715-345-5350	715-345-5350
Price	715-339-2158	715-339-3011
Racine	262-638-6646	262-638-7720
Richland	608-647-8821	608-647-2106
Rock	608-757-5401	608-757-2244
Rusk	715-532-2299	715-532-2200
Sauk	608-355-4200	800-533-5692
Sawyer	715-634-4806	715-634-4858
Shawano	715-526-4700	715-526-3111
Sheboygan	920-459-3207	920-459-3111
St. Croix Co.	715-246-8285	715-246-8285
Taylor	715-748-3332	715-748-2200
Trempealeau	715-538-2311, ext. 290	715-538-4351
Vernon	608-637-5210	608-637-2123
Vilas	715-479-3668	715-479-4441
Walworth	262-741-3200	262-741-3200
Washburn	715-468-4747	715-468-4720
Washington	262-335-4888	262-365-6565
Waukesha	262-548-7212	262-547-3388
Waupaca	715-258-6300	715-258-4466
Waushara	920-787-6550	920-787-3321
Winnebago	920-236-4615	920-233-7707
Wood	715-421-8600	715-421-8600

Tribe	Contact #
Bad River	715-682-7127
Forest County Potawatomi	715-478-4812
Ho-Chunk	715-284-2622
Lac Courte Oreilles	715-558-7435
Lac Du Flambeau	715-588-4275
Menominee Tribe	715-799-5161
Oneida Nation	920-490-3701
Red Cliff	715-779-3785
Sokaogon	715-478-6437
St. Croix Tribe	715-349-2671
Stockbridge-Munsee	715-793-4580
Bad River	715-682-7127



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