

# Resources



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*It may be dangerous to attempt to approach a pimp or to rescue a victim. Call 911 if anyone is in immediate danger.*

- Rebecca Bender

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Rebecca Bender is a nationally recognized Survivor Leader in the efforts to eradicate modern day slavery. After escaping sex trafficking in 2007, Rebecca wrote her first book, Roadmap to Redemption. It was the first of its kind: a workbook written by a survivor for survivors. Rebecca is a well sought after conference presenter and keynote at some of the largest anti-trafficking events in the country, including President Jimmy Carter's World Summit, National Director of FBI and Shared Hope International. She trains a variety of service providers including the FBI, law enforcement, medical professionals, and community service providers. She is also a member of the Survivor Leader Institute and National Survivor Network. She was chosen as one of the top 22 Survivor Leaders of America.

In January 2014, Rebecca founded her own non-profit organization, the Rebecca Bender Initiatives (RBI). RBI is a forerunner in the innovative virtual world, creating online mentoring and classes worldwide. RBI also has a speaker's team that equips front line advocates all across the country in identifying and working with victims, as well as a consulting department that has assisted seven safe homes in start-up, development, and implementation.

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# Red Flags

How to identify  
**Pimps  
&  
Traffickers**

## Human Trafficking defined

"All acts involved in the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer, sale or receipt of persons, within national or across international borders, through force, coercion, fraud, or deception, to place persons in situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions, forced labor or services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services, domestic servitude, bonded sweatshop labor, or other debt bondage."

## Are you dating a trafficker?

From our experience, usually a pimp will pretend to be the boyfriend...

He will "date" a girl for months. It is during this courting phase that a bond is established. Brainwashing and manipulation are used to seclude the victim.

Typically, violence and threats are then used to force the girlfriend turned victim into a life of prostitution; making her believe it was her choice.

## How can you tell if your daughter, friend or student is dating a pimp?

If **three or more** of the following apply to the relationship, this should be seen as a red flag and cause you to look a little further into the situation:

# identifying Pimps

- Fancy car, clothes, or jewelry.
- Frequently spends nights away or out of town.
- Engages in degrading and demoralized rap culture.
- Uses the music industry as a front for coming stardom.
- No actual job that one could visit... (example: he claims to have a record label or his own magazine company, owns bill boards, restaurants, etc).
- He has dreams of making it big and being successful. He will encourage her to become part of HIS dreams.
- Her dreams and goals for life will be put on hold for his.
- He pulls her into it: everything becomes "we" in her conversation. When a person internalizes a dream they will work harder to achieve it.
- Secludes her from family and friends by moving away.
- Attempting to fast track the relationship (moving in together and talking of marriage within a short time frame should be a cause for concern).
- Decreasing Relationships, healthy relationships should be expanding her circle of friends.
- Gets to know HER dreams and fears and goals and dangles that carrot inevitably.

# identifying Victims

- Tired during the day from working at night.
- Suddenly has expensive things:
  - High-end, name-brand purse (such as Gucci), diamond bracelet, name-brand clothes or nails and hair done on a regular basis.
- Increasingly interested in or talks a lot about his dream, "we're going to..."
- Older boyfriend, usually one not in school.
- Morals and values have slowly expanded.
- New tattoo or "brand" of initials, his name or a saying.
- Carries multiple cell phones – sometimes unnoticeable.
- Keeps eyes down while in public.
- Starts to become secluded, you see her less and less.