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- No identifiable address or home
- Escorted, guarded, and/or silenced by someone
- Disoriented, unable to identify whereabouts, unable to identify family and friends
- Age-inappropriate partner or significant other
- Signs of physical abuse: bruises, cuts, burns, broken bones
- Signs of self-harm: bruises, scars from repeated cutting
- Fearful behavior

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