WHAT IS A LOVERBOY?

Loverboys are pimps who seduce their victims to exploit them in prostitution. They operate according to a fixed pattern: gifts, love, isolation, drugs and, as a last step, luring the girl into prostitution.

Loverboys target especially young Belgian girls with low self-esteem. These girls usually have no home, feel lonely and feel stuck in life. Therefore, they quickly become emotionally attached to anyone who is giving them attention.
DO YOU HAVE A BAD BOYFRIEND?

CHECKLIST

He’s got a lot of money. Do you know how he got it?
Do you know what kind of work he does?
Does he make use of or deals with drugs?
Has he encouraged you to use drugs?
Does he speak ill of people who are important to you?
Does he ask you to get a tattoo?
Is he jealous and possessive?
Does he sometimes show an aggressive behavior?
Did he ask you to get a phone plan or loan on your name?
Have you had sex with a friend of his?
Does he know girls who work as prostitutes?
Has he talked you into prostitution?

HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE A VICTIM?

CHECKLIST

She is a teenager
She has low self-esteem
She has a difficult situation at home
She runs away from home
She feels lonely
Her boyfriend is older than she is
She does not know what kind of work her boyfriend does
She is fearless or defiant
She is isolated
She often ditches school
She takes drugs
She suddenly has a new circle of friends
She suddenly starts deviating from social norms
She has sex with her boyfriend’s friend
She has a lot of money and buys luxury goods
All of a sudden she seems to be interested only in sex
Sometimes she has bruises
She got a tattoo
She avoids the subject of prostitution
DO THESE CHECKLISTS MAKE YOU THINK?
TALK TO SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP.

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