What is Human Trafficking?

The exploitation of human beings through force, fraud or coercion, for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor, wherein a third party is making a profit.

MODERN DAY SLAVERY
Smuggling vs. Trafficking

Crime against a BORDER vs Crime against a PERSON
Myth #1: We live in a slave free world
Scope of Trafficking

There are 40 million victims of human trafficking globally.

SOURCE:
International Labor Organization
Scope of Trafficking

Human trafficking is a $150 billion industry.

SOURCE:
International Labor Organization
Scope of Trafficking

SOURCE:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center
Scope of Trafficking

1 in 6 runaways are at risk of being trafficked.

SOURCE:
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Myth #2: All traffickers look like TV pimps
Who are the traffickers?

Alleged pimp indicted, accused of beating prostitute who wanted to quit
For about an hour, court documents claim, Demarii Kayes punched, slapped, choked, and struck her with a belt in his Walkit apartment.

Five arrested on suspicion of running sex trafficking ring
Five people were arrested on suspicion of running a San Gabriel Valley-based sex trafficking ring that operated from San Diego to Fresno, authorities said Tuesday.

2 men charged with sex trafficking, assault
Two men, one from Montgomery County and one from Chester County, face sex trafficking, child pornography, and sex assault charges, officials say.

Four charged in prostitution 'sting' at Bend hotels
Four people were arrested or cited Thursday in a sting operation targeting prostitution at several Bend hotels, police saying one 19-year-old woman had been a victim of sex trafficking since she was 13.

ICE Top 10 human trafficking fugitive arrested in Indiana
Jamal Moore, 33, is currently wanted in Hennepin County (Minneapolis) Minnesota 1 on a state charge of promoting prostitution of a minor.
Means Traffickers Use

- Force
- Fraud
- Coercion
Myth #3: It doesn’t happen in my hometown

For “Taylor,” it all began outside a bus station in downtown Dallas three years ago. She was 15 at the time, and running away from home.

More details on Bibb County sex trafficking case

A battleground for trafficking

Sex trafficking ravaging Missouri communities, families

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Victim: I was 4 when my dad started trafficking me

Man charged in Oakland sex assault, human trafficking case

Human trafficker guilty of eight felonies

By Scott Sandin / Journal Staff Writer
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Buses & Trafficking: Intersections

When the initial recruitment occurs online, pimps/traffickers may use buses to transport potential victims to them, often under the guise of work opportunities or romantic interests.
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Pimps/traffickers use buses to transport victims to locations where they'll be sold.
When trafficking victims are able to get out, some rely on bus transportation to escape.
Human traffickers recruit out of schools, and some victims continue to attend school during the day—and ride the school bus—while they are being trafficked or groomed at night.
Buses & Trafficking: Intersections

Bus drivers are the eyes and ears of the roads, rest stops, tour sites, casino parking lots, and other places where trafficking may occur.
Make the Call, Save Lives

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BUSING ON THE LOOKOUT (B.O.L.)

When building an army to fight a crime like human trafficking, members of the bus industry immediately come to mind as professionals with a key role to fill, primarily due to the actions of human traffickers themselves:

1. Human traffickers use bus terminals and bus stops as recruiting areas when they’re looking for vulnerable people, primarily minors and young adults, to exploit.
2. Human traffickers often use busing to transport their victims to locations where they’ll be sold.
3. Human traffickers are counting on bus industry employees to be ignorant of the signs to look for and the questions to ask which would help to spot victims in transit.

Additionally, the diversity of the bus industry itself, from tour/travel buses to metro buses, rapid transit and public transportation to school buses and other private bus lines, including charters, provides multiple ways for human trafficking victims to travel, whether they’re going cross-country or just across town, whether they’re still in school or a bit older, whether they’re in a group, with a trafficker or traveling alone.

National Hotline: 1-888-3737-888 (Multi-Lingual)
1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)
01800-5533-000 (Mexico)
Text INFO or HELP to Befree (2323733)
Report by Email: help@humantraffickingonline.org
Warning: Please do not approach traffickers. Call the hotline, and if instructed, the local police (911). Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and recover victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and your victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers. Also, please notify dispatch or your manager of the suspicious activity.
For more information on combating human trafficking, go to truckersagainstrafficking.org.

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www.truckersagainstrafficking.org
Human trafficking is现代-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking. Trafficking can occur in many locations, including bus terminals, restaurants, hotels/motels, strip clubs, casinos, private homes, truck stops, etc. Moreover, traffickers utilize bus terminals to recruit victims out of, as well as the bus itself to transport their victims. Whether you work behind a ticket counter, conduct bus maintenance, or are a professional driver, members of the bus industry are in a position to spot potential human trafficking situations and save a life. To report a tip or to help a victim access services, call the National Hotline at:

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For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need "actionable information," and as many details as you can provide. Specific tips helpful when reporting to the hotline would include:

- Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place

Questions to Ask:
- Do you know the person who is picking you up?
- Do you feel safe with the person you’re traveling with?
- Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?
- Are you free to come and go as you please?
- Are you or your family being threatened? What is the nature of the threats?

Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:
- Restricted or controlled communication-not allowed to speak for self
- Disheveled appearance, unkempt, alone, scared/crying
- Minors traveling without adult supervision
- Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, etc.
- Does not know the person who is picking them up
- Any acknowledgement that she/he has a pimp and is making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing (often of trafficker’s name)
- Is not in possession of own ticket or ID
TAT BY THE NUMBERS

2,126+ CALLS MADE TO THE NATIONAL HOTLINE BY TRUCKERS ALONE

570 LIKELY HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES IDENTIFIED

IN Volving 1,058 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
324 OF WHICH WERE MINORS

2017 Almost half of the cases generated by truckers

48.5% involved minors

573,200+ TAT TRAINED PERSONS

Clearly this partnership with TAT and Polaris is working well, and it is showing the critical role that truckers play.

- Bradley Myles, CEO, Polaris
Get Involved!

✓ Be on the lookout!
✓ Train all employees
✓ Display posters
✓ Review policies
✓ Donate ticket vouchers
✓ Spread the word ...
Contact Information

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Want Out of the Life?

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