

# DOT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING FINAL REPORT

## COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

### RECOMMENDATIONS

USDOT (13)  
U.S. Congress (6)  
States (13)  
Private Industry, NGOs, and Local Transportation Authorities (17)

### MODEL TOOLS

Comprehensive Strategy with Policies and Protocols  
Proclamation

### BEST PRACTICES

Comprehensive Strategies  
Training and Awareness

### QUICK IMPLEMENTATION GUIDES

Aviation  
Buses  
Ports/Maritime  
Rail  
Transit  
Trucking  
State Agencies  
Law Enforcement

### SAMPLE MATERIALS

Strategies and Policies  
Training Materials  
Public Awareness Materials

### SELECT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Indicators of Human Trafficking Chart  
State Human Trafficking Laws Intersecting with Transportation Chart  
Transportation Stakeholder Counter-Trafficking Initiatives

Download full report at: <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht>



## INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

Human trafficking is a crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Any minor (under the age of 18) engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking according to Federal law, regardless of whether there is force, fraud, or coercion.

Victims can be anyone from any background, around the world or right next door: women and men, adults and children, citizens and non-citizens alike. Human trafficking victims are often overlooked because we do not recognize indicators of human trafficking.

Red flags, or indicators, can help alert you to a possible incidence of human trafficking. Recognizing these indicators is the first step in identifying potential victims. When you see indicators of human trafficking, report your tip, as it could change someone's life. Following are four common indicators of human trafficking:



Not controlling their own  
ID or travel documents



Having restricted  
movement



Lacking knowledge  
or logical means of  
reaching final destination



Non-genuine relationship,  
particularly child/guardian

*See additional indicators of human trafficking on reverse.*

## ADDITIONAL INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Being threatened with harm



Not having an ability to freely contact friends or family



Adult engaged in commercial sex who has a manager or pimp



Minor involved in commercial sex



Being told not to speak or appearing coached on what to say



Appearing fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense or nervous/paranoid



Being harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other life necessities



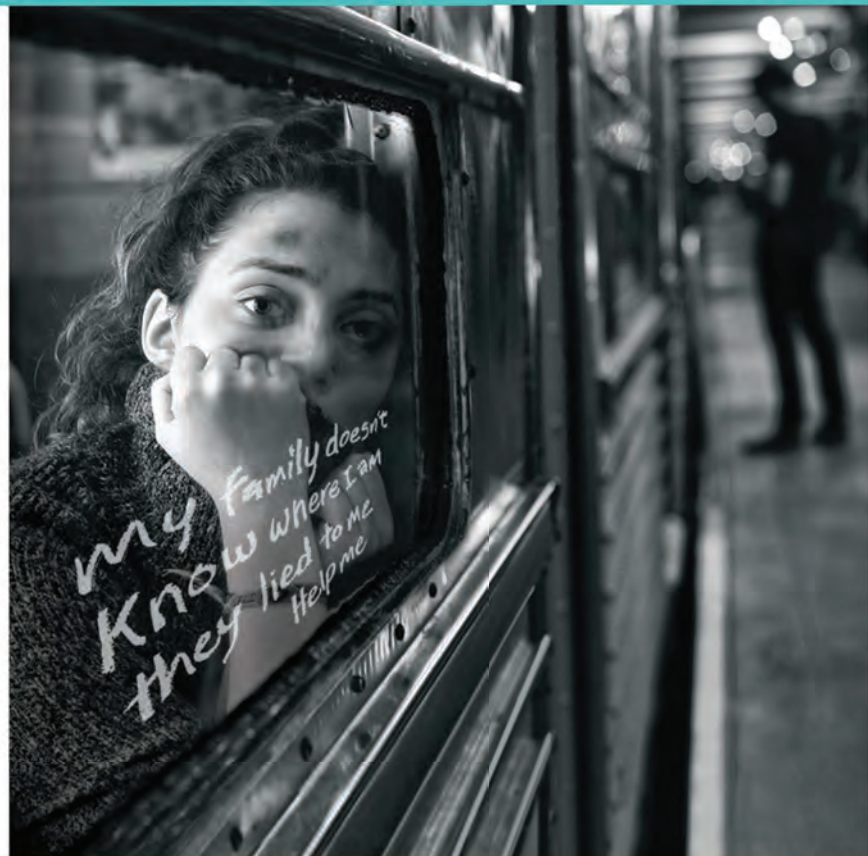
Being threatened with deportation or law enforcement action

Remember, both victims, and perpetrators of human trafficking can be any gender, race, or socioeconomic class.

### REPORT YOUR TIP

If you see any indicators of human trafficking, report your tip to:

- ✓ **YOUR COMPANY**  
Follow your company's reporting policy if they have one in place
- ✓ **NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION**  
National Human Trafficking Hotline  
888-373-7888 (or text BEFREE)
- ✓ **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (EMERGENCIES)**  
Call 911 or contact local authorities





## Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking

The Department of Transportation's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative is comprised of transportation and travel industry stakeholders working jointly to maximize their collective impact in combating human trafficking. The partnership focuses on five key areas, and connects transportation stakeholders to available resources on industry leadership, industry training and education, policy development, public awareness, and information sharing and analysis.



### **Become a Partner**

Use our tools and partner with other U.S. stakeholders through this collaborative effort.



### **Raise Awareness**

Display campaign posters and video to reach the traveling public.



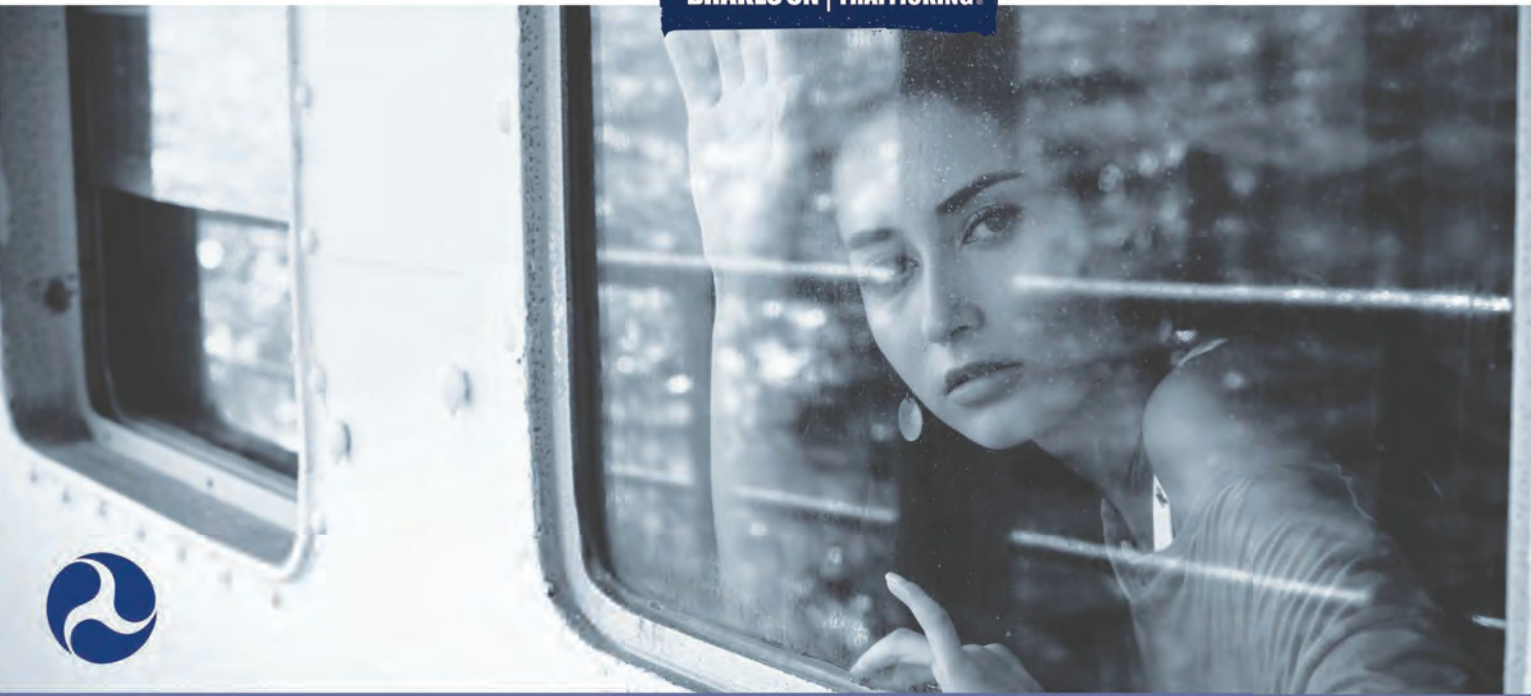
### **Issue a Leader Statement**

Make stakeholders aware of your intention/actions, and call your organization to act.



### **Train Your Transportation Employees**

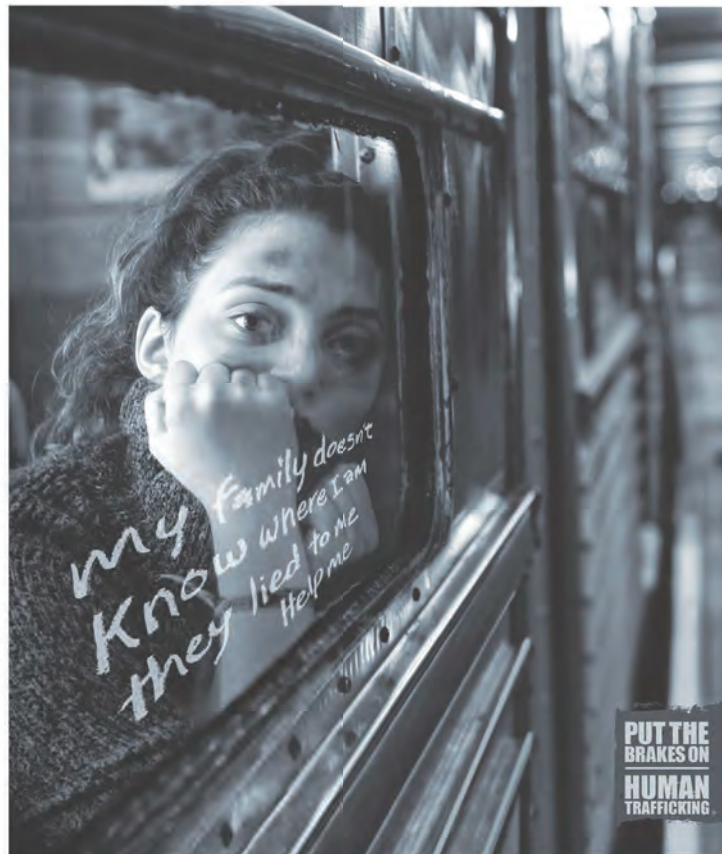
Empower your employees to learn common trafficking indicators and methods of reporting through one of the Department of Transportation's human trafficking awareness trainings. In addition to developing a training for the transit industry, the Department of Transportation also partnered with the Department of Homeland Security to create a suite of counter-trafficking awareness trainings for the aviation, motor coach, and rail industries.



For suspected human trafficking incidents, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) at 1-888-373-7888 to:

- ✓ **GET HELP**  
Connect with a service provider in your area
- ✓ **REPORT A TIP**  
Regarding potential human trafficking activity
- ✓ **LEARN MORE**  
Request training, technical assistance, or resources

NHTH is a national, toll-free hotline available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24/7, 365 days a year. The NHTH is not a law enforcement or immigration authority and is operated by a nongovernmental organization funded by the Federal government.



To report an incident to law enforcement, call the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at 1-866-347-2423 (866-DHS-2ICE) or 1-802-872-6199 (non-toll free international).



# PUT THE BRAKES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING®

## PLEDGE

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative calls on all transportation industry leaders to join us in our commitment to employee education, raising public awareness, and measuring our collective impact by signing this voluntary pledge.

We pledge with one voice as national leaders to join with partners across the transportation industry to work together and end human trafficking by:

- \* Educating our employees and organizational members on how to recognize and report signs of human trafficking
- \* Raising awareness among the traveling public on human trafficking issues by utilizing common messaging in targeted outreach campaigns
- \* Measuring our collective impact on human trafficking by tracking and sharing key data points

By uniting our efforts across the transportation sector, we will see greater progress in reaching our ultimate goal of eliminating human trafficking.

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Signature, Date

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Name, Title

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Organization/Address

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*By signing this Pledge, you affirm that you are authorized to make this voluntary commitment on behalf of your organization, and you acknowledge and agree to grant USDOT permission to publicly reference that your organization is a TLAHT pledge signatory.*