



**Not on MY BUS. Not on MY TRAIN. Not in MY COMMUNITY!**

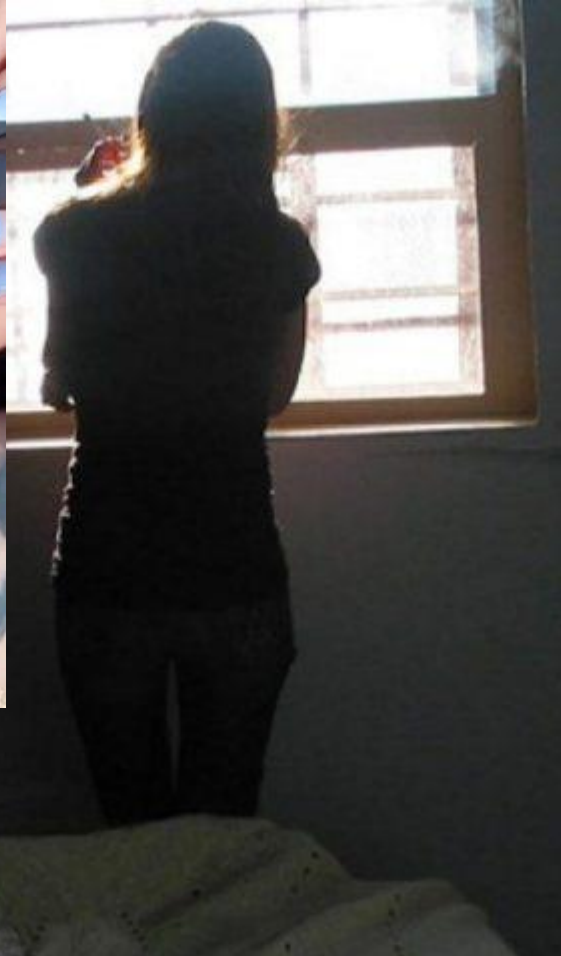


# TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

## SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

The term “severe forms of trafficking in persons” means:

- (A) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by **force, fraud, or coercion**, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- (B) the recruitment, harboring, **transportation**, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of **force, fraud, or coercion** for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

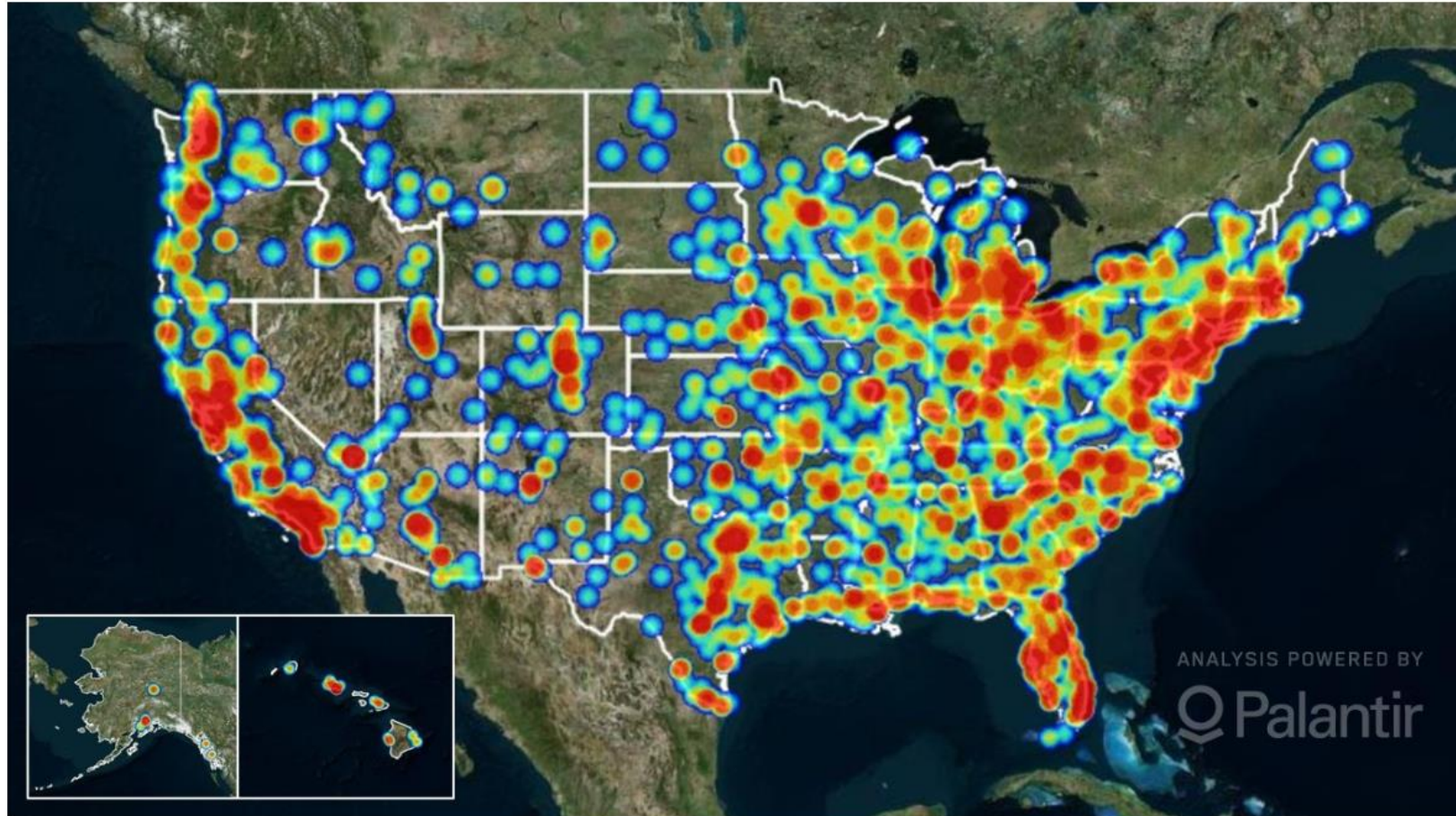


# IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?

## Locations of Likely Human Trafficking Cases in the U.S.

“Traffickers often rely on the transportation industry in every phase of human trafficking: for recruitment, moving and controlling victims, and for delivering victims to buyers who will complete their exploitation through either commercial sex or forced labor ventures.”

From the Executive Summary page 8



<https://polarisproject.org/2018-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics>



## Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### FINAL REPORT

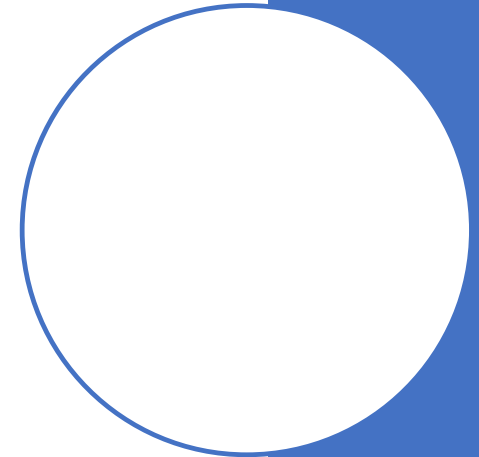
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## COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/mission/administrations/office-policy/343931/advisory-committee-human-trafficking-final-report.pdf>

# What's in the 182 page report?

- Quick Implementation Guides with Recommended Strategies for DOT's, Bus/Rail and all modes.
- Links to Awareness Videos
- Policy guidelines and sample policies
- Sample State Proclamation for human trafficking awareness
- Samples of free training materials with links to sources
- Free public service awareness campaigns
- State and Federal legislation
- Transportation stakeholder countertrafficking initiatives
- How To Report: **888-3737-888**





**Immediately:**

If you're watching a crime in progress, call 911 and then call the hotline. If you're at a truck stop/travel plaza or any other place of business, please notify the manager-on-duty of the suspicious activity; she/he needs to be aware of what is taking place on the lot and assist in ending it.

**Warning:**

Please do not approach traffickers. Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and recover victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers.

**Note:**

There is now a lifetime ban on a CDL for any individual who uses their CMV to commit a felony involving a severe form of human trafficking. All 50 states and DC have a law criminalizing sex trafficking. Some states punish sex purchasers the same as sex traffickers, generally with felony level crimes, and 31 states have a buyer-applicable trafficking law that prohibits a mistake-of-age defense in prosecutions for buying a commercial sex act with any minor under 18.



**Make the Call,  
Save Lives.**

**1-888-3737-888 (US)  
1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)  
01800-5533-000 (Mexico)  
Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)**

**www.busingonthelookout.org**

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Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Any minor being sold for 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:

**1-888-3737-888 (US) ■ 1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)  
01800-5533-000 (Mexico) ■ Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)**

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 travelling 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
- 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




**BUSING ON THE LOOKOUT (BOTL)**

**Public Transit Bus Drivers**

**The problem:**

Human trafficking — or modern-day slavery — is the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor. There are an estimated 40 million victims of human trafficking globally, including thousands of school age children in the United States and Canada. Many of them are used in the sex industry, where they are sold on the street and in private homes or in businesses such as restaurants, truck stops, and motels.

Pimps/traffickers recruit out of schools, online, in shopping malls, as well as the streets and other locations, including bus stops and terminals. They utilize buses in transporting victims, and when victims are able to get out, a bus or bus terminal may be the first place they'll go to find safety or escape. Over 450 cases of human trafficking involving buses in the United States have been reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

**The response:**

Busing on the Lookout (BOTL) recognizes that members of the bus industry are uniquely positioned to help law enforcement in recovering victims and arresting traffickers. Public transit bus drivers are the eyes and ears of cities throughout the United States and Canada. Many are also responsible for providing school transportation to high school students in several major metropolitan areas. As half of American and Canadian school children ride the bus daily, some victims will continue attending school during the day — and riding the bus — even while they are being trafficked or groomed at night.

- Public transit drivers should be on the lookout for signs of control, such as passengers who are not allowed to speak for themselves or carry their own tickets or identification documents. Victims may have markings or tattoos that could be a trafficker's branding, and a driver could overhear comments about having a pimp or needing to make a quota. Drivers should pay close attention to passengers who seem confused or afraid.
- Public transit drivers who provide school transportation see students almost every day as they shuttle them between home and school. Drivers should be on the lookout for changes in students' behavior, moods, or physical appearance. They should take note of frequent absences and pay attention to people waiting to pick up a student at the bus stop, particularly if that person displays controlling or manipulative behavior.

**The method:**

Train all drivers with BOTL materials by showing them the 30-minute BOTL training video and obtaining a wallet card for every driver. These materials describe human trafficking, outline a series of red flags and tips of what to look for, and explain how to report the situation to law enforcement and the National Human Trafficking Hotline. For more information see [www.busingonthelookout.org](http://www.busingonthelookout.org) or contact Annie Sovcik, program director for Busing on the Lookout, at [asovcik@truckersagainstrafficking.org](mailto:asovcik@truckersagainstrafficking.org).

<https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/bus-training/>





Do You Need Help?  
**TEXT 233733 (BE FREE)**  
**1-888-3737-888 (US)**

<http://truckersagainstrafficking.com/bus-training>

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<https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/bus-training/>



<http://nationalrtap.org/Resource-Library/Advanced-Search/?fid=1002>

# Real Human Trafficking Reports



## Bachman Human Trafficking

I think the woman next to this man may be held against her will. The man next to her keeps being very direct with her, making her drink water at his command, making her get up and ask other passengers for items. He's

now trying to get other women to "join him to make money".

We are on greenline train heading north. Pulling into Bachman Station. Front rear facing passenger car.



## (Platform) Human Trafficking

Child endangerment. Woman has drugged child to silence her while woman panhandles.



## Other Human Trafficking

Man in red and individual, who looks to be an underage (pictured), seem to have an inappropriate relationship - witnessed kissing and rubbing mans upper leg.



## (Platform) Human Trafficking

Possible human trafficking I was just on a [redacted] train that stopped at 19th st [redacted] and the female passenger was trying to evade her fiend and the guy came back on [redacted] and said I'll slap you if u don't get off u could tell she was trying to run from him. She had a huge scratch on her neck that was somewhat bloody. She was wearing a purple sweater and purple shoes he was an African American male in his 30s

# Thinking and Planning Best Practices

1. System Wide, Top To Bottom
2. Involve local resources & individuals
3. Identify First Responders
4. Elected officials
5. How will you report?
6. Feedback loop
7. Put traffickers on notice

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# Let's Git to Gittin'!

"A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." Mahatma Ghandi



*Continue learning*

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