How You Can Help

Recognize
Know the signs

Report
Call the tipline about suspicious activity

Respond
HSI will respond to your call by assisting victims and targeting traffickers

Report Suspected Human Trafficking

1-866-347-2423
If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please call 911.

www.ice.gov/tipline

Download the HSI Tipline contact card to your smartphone now.

S.T.O.P. TRAFFICKING
STRATEGIC TARGETED OUTREACH PROGRAM
Transportation Industry
Recognizing key indicators of human trafficking is the first step in identifying victims and can help save a life. Here are some common indicators:

**Individuals may:**
- Have difficulty articulating reasonable, logical travel plans.
- Have few or no personal items, such as luggage or other bags.
- Show signs of fear, anxiety, tension, submission, and/or nervousness.
- Show signs of physical/emotional abuse, restraint, and/or confinement.
- Show signs of malnourishment, poor hygiene, fatigue, sleep deprivation, untreated illness, injuries, and/or unusual behavior.
- Avoid eye contact and interaction with others.
- Offer to exchange sex for money or any other good or service.
- Have markings or tattoos that reflect a pimp’s branding, i.e. “Daddy”, “Property of.”
- Acknowledge that she/he has a pimp or has to make a quota.
- Have lower quality clothing compared to others in their party or clothing not appropriate for climate.

**Trucking/Rail/Motor Coach/Taxi/Ridesharing:**
- CB radio traffic using code words like “Lot Lizard”, “Commercial Company”.
- Individuals lingering around truck stops or entering/exiting multiple trucks.
- Groups of girls or boys at a rest stop with an older female or male.
- Co-traveler restricting the movement and social interaction of an adult traveler.
- A non-genuine parent/guardian-child relationship.
- Passengers who are not allowed to speak for themselves.
- Passengers whose documents are being controlled by another person.
- Passengers who have never met the person who purchased their ticket.
- Minors traveling without adult supervision.
- Minors who do not know the person picking them up at their destination.
- People in the terminal who regularly approach minors but never board a bus.
- Cars that are frequently at the terminal, but no one gets out to board a bus.
- Customer asking driver to wait outside hotel, apartment, or business.
- Customer offering generous tip for cooperation.
- Driver dropping off same person at different locations, day and night.
- Customer asking to be dropped off in the back or separate propped open entrance.
- Another person escorting passenger inside establishment after dropping off.

Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.