

**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.

**When calling law enforcement:** In order to open an investigation on your tip, they need “actionable information.” This would include:

- Descriptions of cars or trucks (make, model, color, license plate, truck and/or USDOT 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.
- When you contact law enforcement, **tell them you suspect human trafficking, not prostitution.**

**Note:** Human trafficking is a crime under federal law in both the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., there is a lifetime ban on a CDL for any individual who uses their CMV to commit a felony involving human trafficking. Some states punish sex purchasers the same as sex traffickers, and most 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.

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Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. It occurs in the U.S. and Canada when people are subject to forced labor or illegally bought and sold for commercial sex. A 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 recruit victims at bus terminals, and often use buses to transport their victims.

**Members of the bus industry are in a key position to spot potential human trafficking situations and save a life. If you suspect someone could be a victim of human trafficking, follow your agency's protocols to report what you see. If you're not sure what to do:**

- 1 Report** to dispatch, security and/or your supervisor as soon as safe to do so.
- 2 Call 911** or local law enforcement if you suspect the victim is a minor and/or immediate danger is suspected. (see back of this card for details.)
- 3 Share** information with the suspected victim(s) about local service providers and/or the human trafficking hotline.

### 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; being watched or followed
- Is not in possession of own ticket or ID
- Disheveled appearance, unkept, 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 or is making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing (often of trafficker's name)

### National Human Trafficking Hotlines

**U.S.: 1-888-3737-888 | CAN: 1-833-900-1010 | MEX: 01800-5533-000**



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