



## **THE BUS INDUSTRY CAN HELP COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

Motorcoach | Transit | School Transportation

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TAT is on a mission to train every member of the bus industry across North America how to combat human trafficking in the course of their everyday jobs.

### **What we know:**

- Traffickers use bus terminals and bus stops as recruiting areas when looking for vulnerable people to exploit. They may also use buses to bring their victim(s) to them after an online grooming/recruiting process.
- Traffickers use buses to transport their victims to and from the locations where they are sold. In one survey, 42% of survivors shared that their exploitation had involved local and/or long distance buses.
- When victims are able to get out, a bus or bus terminal may be the first place they go to find safety and assistance.
- Traffickers prey on vulnerabilities, and often target youth. Some child victims will continue to attend school – and ride the school bus – while they are being trafficked or groomed behind the scenes.
- Human traffickers are counting on people not paying attention and not knowing the signs to look for or the questions to ask.

If every bus driver and bus station employee could be trained to identify the signs of human trafficking and how to report it effectively, imagine how many victims could be recovered and, potentially, how many traffickers could be arrested!

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## WHO IS TAT?

TAT is a 501c3 nonprofit that educates, equips, empowers and mobilizes members of key industries and agencies to combat human trafficking. As part of that mission, we provide free, industry-specific, anti-trafficking resources and training materials for the motorcoach, transit and school transportation industries.

## WHAT CAN THE BUS INDUSTRY DO?

### Transit/Motorcoach Agencies:

- Train every bus driver and all bus terminal employees with TAT's free materials.
- Establish an internal reporting policy and share it with your employees.
- Display TAT's victim-centered posters on buses, bus shelters and at bus terminals.

### School Transportation:

- Train all staff (drivers, monitors, aides, dispatch) with TAT's free materials.
- Know your school's policy on reporting suspicions of trafficking and/or child abuse and share it with your employees.
- Introduce TAT to other members of the bus industry, whether they be other school districts or your local transit agency.

### Individuals:

- Complete TAT training via our online education portal: [education.tatnonprofit.org](http://education.tatnonprofit.org).
- Download the TAT app: [www.tatnonprofit.org/app](http://www.tatnonprofit.org/app).
- Be on the lookout for red flags and report anything that you suspect is trafficking:
  - Follow internal reporting protocols.
  - In an emergency, call 911.
  - Call local law enforcement or the National Human Trafficking Hotline:  
US: 1-888-3737-888 | CAN: 1-833-900-1010

## RESOURCES AND TRAINING MATERIALS

TAT has created a suite of free, industry-specific materials for the bus industry, including:

- Two sets of training materials: one for transit/motorcoach and one for school transportation. Each training set includes a 20-30 minute training video and wallet card handout.
- An app that covers information for all TAT stakeholders, including motorcoach, transit and school transportation professionals.
- Public-facing posters for display at bus terminals, on bus shelters or in buses.
- Visit [www.tatnonprofit.org](http://www.tatnonprofit.org) for the full list of resources available for transit/motorcoach and school transportation.

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