WHAT TOUR AND CHARTER BUS COMPANIES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING







What is human trafficking?

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 50 million victims of human trafficking globally, including thousands of children and adults in the United States and Canada. Traffickers recruit out of schools, online, in shopping malls, as well as the streets and other locations, including bus stops and terminals.

Many destinations for tour and charter bus passengers — including casinos, hotels, motels and restaurants — are places where trafficking is known to occur. Additionally, companies that provide afterschool transportation services have an opportunity to recognize potential signs of trafficking in the youth they transport.



Tour and charter bus drivers:

- are the eyes and ears of roads, rest stops, tourist destinations & parking lots.
- are uniquely positioned to observe what's going on around them as they shuttle passengers to and from their destinations.
- work major events that draw traffickers due to increases in demand for commercial sex.
- when providing afterschool or weekend transportation for youth programs, can spot signs of exploitation in the youth they transport regularly.
- may observe red flags even if it doesn't involve one of their own passengers, such as while waiting at a rest stop or casino parking lot.

Thank you to all of the bus professionals across the US & Canada who have joined the fight against human trafficking! We are proud to work with you in preventing and interrupting exploitation and trafficking.

What Should Tour and Charter Companies Do?

Partner with TAT to train all staff on human trafficking. TAT offers free, industry-specific training materials that include:

- 16-minute training video for motorcoach employees
- 18-minute video for school and afterschool transportation
- Wallet card and app
- Youth-focused dash stickers

These materials describe the crime of human trafficking, outline a series of red flags to look for, and explain how to effectively report suspicions and assist victims in need.

For more information visit <u>www.tatnonprofit.org</u> or email <u>info@tatnonprofit.org</u>.

Here are ways you can continue to learn about TAT and the issue of human trafficking:

Download the TAT app:



Follow us on social media:



Visit our website:

