

**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.

### Identifying local anti-trafficking resources

These resources may be available locally to support victims and/or school-based anti-trafficking initiatives: child protective services, child advocacy centers, child abuse & sexual assault orgs, human trafficking task forces.

### National human trafficking hotlines

**US: 1-888-3737-888 | Canada: 1-833-900-1010 | Mexico: 01800-5533-000**

While suspected trafficking in schools should always be reported following the proper school & state/provincial protocols, the national hotlines may be able to connect schools to local resources for an identified victim. They are also available should you notice a potential victim outside of the school environment in your non-work life. Calls to the hotline are confidential and you may request to remain anonymous.

**Note:** In the US, 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 & DC have a law criminalizing sex 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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# Are You On the Lookout?

Keep students safe by  
recognizing and responding  
to human trafficking



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Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Child victims of trafficking will often continue attending school – and riding the school bus – while being exploited behind the scenes. Traffickers can be family members, someone posing as a romantic interest, or a trusted adult in the child’s life. Remember, any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.

**Schools and school transportation can play an important role in preventing, identifying and responding to potential human trafficking situations. If you suspect someone could be a victim of human trafficking:**

- 1** First and foremost, follow reporting protocols set out by your school district & your state/provincial mandatory reporting laws. If specific protocols on human trafficking do not exist, follow protocols on reporting child abuse and/or sexual assault.  
**Report**
- 2** If your school has not already done so, the appropriate school personnel should connect with local agencies and/or the National Human Trafficking Hotline to learn more about available resources/services. See back of card for details.  
**Connect**

### Questions to Ask:

- Is everything okay at home?
- Do you know the person who is picking you up?
- Is anyone making you do anything you don't want to do?

### Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:

- Students who have begun to accumulate frequent absences or are absent for days at a time
- A new or different person, likely older, dropping off or picking the student up from the bus stop or school
- Signs of bruises, physical trauma, or malnourishment
- Inappropriate dress for the weather or for school
- Markings or tattoos that could be a trafficker's branding
- Students who suddenly have the latest gadgets, clothes, nails, etc. that a trafficker may give them during the grooming process
- Any mention that a student has an older boyfriend, pimp or sugar daddy, has formed a relationship with someone online and/or is making a quota



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