

Truckers Against Trafficking

Prevention and Intervention: Combating Human Trafficking Through the Trucking Industry



What is Human Trafficking?

- The exploitation of human beings through *force, fraud* or *coercion*, for the purposes of commercial sex or forced labor, wherein a third party is making a profit.

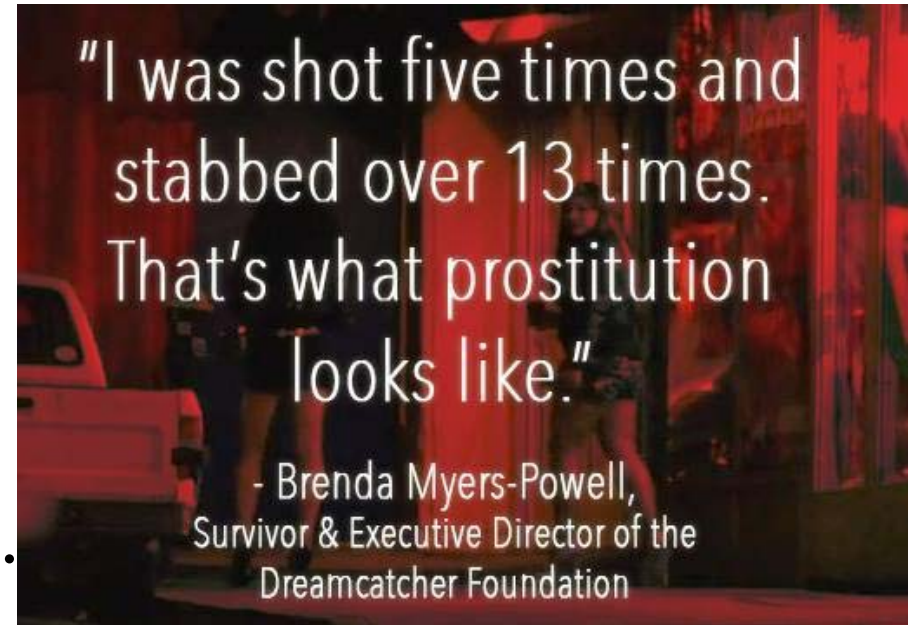
Human Trafficking is:

MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Sex Trafficking Defined

➤ Sex trafficking is forced prostitution. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking.

➤ Any adult who is selling sex under someone else's control (i.e., a pimp), is a victim of sex trafficking, no matter their age.

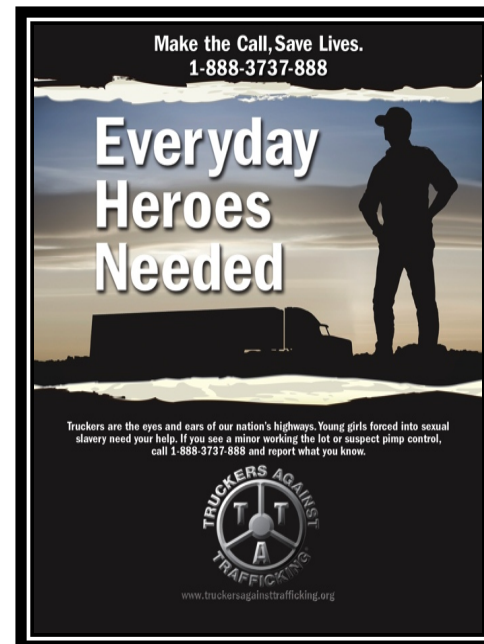


A Few Statistics

- Human trafficking generates **\$9.5 billion** yearly in the United States. (*Federal Bureau of Investigation*)
- The average **age of entry** into prostitution for a child victim in the United States is **13-14** years old. (*U.S. Department of Justice*)
- Approximately **100,000 to 300,000** children are at risk of being prostituted in the US each year. (*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*)
- The average victim may be forced to have sex up to **20-48** times a day. (*Polaris*)

TAT's Mission:

- ▶ **Professional truck drivers:**
 - Are the eyes and ears out on the road
 - Are trained to be vigilant/observant
 - Intersect with victims
 - truck stops/parking lots
 - rest areas
 - city streets
 - bus terminals
 - gas stations
 - places of business
 - hotels/motels



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TAT's Mission:

- ▶ Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) seeks to **educate, equip, empower** and **mobilize** members of the trucking industry to combat human trafficking as part of their regular jobs.



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National Hotline: 1-888-3737-888 (Multi-Lingual)
1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)
Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)
Report by Email: nhtrc@PolarisProject.org

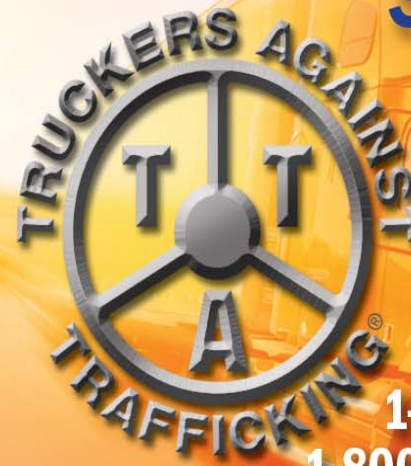
Warning: Please do not approach traffickers. Call the hotline, and if instructed, the local police (911). Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and rescue victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers. Also, if at a truck stop/travel plaza, please notify the manager-on-duty of the suspicious activity; she/he needs to be aware of what is taking place on the lot and assist in ending it.

If you have seen the TAT Training DVD and reviewed this wallet card, please register as TAT Trained at <http://tat8.nodejitsu.com>.



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**Make the Call,
Save Lives.**



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Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking. Trafficking can occur in many locations, including truck stops, restaurants, rest areas, brothels, strip clubs, private homes, etc. Truckers are the eyes and the ears of our nation's highways. If you see a minor working any of those areas or suspect that the person selling sex is under someone else's control in order to make a quota, call the National Hotline and report your tip:

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For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need "actionable information." Specific tips helpful when reporting to the hotline would include:

- Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate 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

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Questions to Ask:

Do you keep your own money? If not, who does?
Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?
When was the last time you saw your family?
Are you physically or sexually abused? Are you or your family threatened? What is the nature of the threats?

Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:

- Lack of knowledge of their community or whereabouts
- Restricted or controlled communication-not allowed to speak for self
- CB chatter about "commercial company" or flashing lights signaling "buyer" location
- Not in control of own identification documents (ID/passport)
- Any acknowledgement that she/he has a pimp and is making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing of trafficker's name (often on the neck)

Making An Impact



Call to Action

- **Train** your drivers.
- **Make** the call.
- **Spread** the word.
- **Register** as TAT trained

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