



**Women and youth  
are forced  
into prostitution  
along our  
nation's highways.**

**You can help.**

# Everyday Heroes Needed

**Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, where traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. It can occur in many locations, including truck stops, hotels, restaurants, rest areas, brothels, strip clubs, private homes, etc. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking.**



Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) has been working with members of the transportation industry since 2009 to provide the needed training and tools to enable members of these key industries to both recognize and report human trafficking when they see it happening. TAT has wallet cards with red flags to look for, questions to ask if you suspect someone is a victim and actionable information to report. This wallet card is available by app, from the appropriate app store, or by emailing [info@truckersagainstrafficking.org](mailto:info@truckersagainstrafficking.org) for a version to carry in your wallet. Additionally, TAT provides a powerful, 26-minute video on its website ([www.truckersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainstrafficking.org)), with, when watched along with taking and passing a short test, certifies drivers as TAT-Trained, a designation which can go on your resume.

Truckers are the eyes and ears of our nation's highways and are already making calls that save lives. They are Everyday Heroes . . . like Kevin Kimmel, whose call rescued a 20-year-old woman being sold, beaten, tortured and repeatedly raped in the back of an RV parked at the back of a truck stop, or Joe Aguayo, who saw a young trafficking victim who'd been drugged, beaten, raped and abandoned along a remote road, with her head shaved and nothing but a towel for covering. Because professional drivers often find themselves in locations frequented and exploited by human traffickers, they're in a unique position to recognize the signs of human trafficking and make the call that can lead to victim recovery and perpetrator arrests.

**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:** In the U.S., 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 and 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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**Make the Call, Save Lives.**  
**Call 911 to report human trafficking!**  
**For victim services call the national hotline:**  
**1-888-373-7888 (US)**  
**1-833-900-1010 (Canada)**  
**[www.truckersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainstrafficking.org)**

