

National Human Trafficking Hotline
Text 233733 or Call 888-373-7888
24/7 · Toll free
Confidential · 200+ languages
For immediate danger, call 911.

Indicators of Human Trafficking

Human traffickers recruit, transport, and exploit their victims via buses, trains, and bus/train stations in urban, rural, and tribal communities. Victims/traffickers can be of any age, race, ethnicity, sex, ability, nationality, citizenship, or socioeconomic background. ▶▶▶



**U.S. Department
of Transportation**



Transit Indicators

- Controlled movement, identification, money, ticket, and speech
- Signs of physical/emotional distress, abuse, or branding
- Logistically unaware of where they are, where they are going, or where they have been
- Answers may sound scripted/inconsistent
- May not know the person traveling with them or who is meeting them
- Offers to exchange sex for a ride, meal, or help
- Works excessively long hours, is provided few or no breaks, and/or employer is withholding pay
- References frequent travel to other cities or towns