

## ***Busing on the Lookout Program:***

*“Human traffickers recruit out of schools, and some victims continue to attend school during the day — and ride the school bus — while they are being trafficked or groomed at night.”*

The Department of Education has been asked to provide information for Nebraska school bus drivers to be trained to look for signs of human trafficking. The Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) coalition has a “Busing on the Lookout” (BOTL) program with a training video for drivers to become TAT-certified. More information on TAT can be found at the end of this email.

**The training can be done on-line with a video that lasts about 30 minutes.**

**BOTL training:** <https://education.truckersagainstafficking.org/courses/>

- Click on the “View Course” for BOTL Trained Certification Program
- Answer “No” when asked if a member of the trucking industry
- Then “Take the Course”

Lt. Monty Lovelace from the Nebraska State Patrol is leading a TAT committee from which members are encouraging truck and bus drivers to become TAT-certified, and for employers to ensure their drivers have TAT wallet cards and brochures so they know what to do if they suspect trafficking. A BOTL brochure and wallet card are available through this website.

**About Truckers Against Trafficking** <https://education.truckersagainstafficking.org/>

Modern-day slavery, or human trafficking exists whenever people are bought and sold for forced labor or commercial sex. Around the world, it is estimated that there are over **40 million slaves** today. Human trafficking has been reported in all 50 states, and the number of victims in the United States is estimated in the hundreds of thousands.

While illegal, human trafficking is a booming business. Traffickers recruit out of our schools, online, in shopping malls, as well as the streets and other locations. A large percentage of the people trafficked are women and children. Many of them are used in the sex industry. They are the prostituted people on the street and in private homes, and in legitimate businesses such as restaurants, truck stops and motels. They need to be identified and recovered.

### **You Can Make a Difference**

This is where you come in! Truckers Against Trafficking recognizes that members of the trucking and busing industries are invaluable in the fight against this heinous crime. As the eyes and ears of our nation’s highways, you are in a unique position to make a difference and close loopholes to traffickers who seek to exploit our transportation system for their personal gain. This site has been created to inform members of the trucking and busing industries, and other travelers of the basic issues involved in human trafficking and a summary of ways you can help. We invite you to travel through this website and learn how you can join this worthy cause and save lives.

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