



How Companies Can Help End Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a form of abuse where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. The International Labor Organization estimates that there are over 40 million victims globally. 1 in 4 victims is a child. Victims are sold in the sex industry across the world, often in hotel rooms and transported via airlines, commercial buses, and the on-demand economy.

There is no one “face of human trafficking.” Victims are vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, class, religion, education, or national identity. Trafficking takes place globally and within the United States. It can happen in cities, suburbs, and rural areas. In the United States, a person does not need to cross international or state borders to be considered a victim of trafficking. The exploitation itself makes them a victim. Human trafficking has been reported in all 50 states.

The Solution

In response, travel purchasers can express interest in working with suppliers that address human trafficking. Corporate travelers can also report suspicious activity while traveling. When associates know what they are looking at and know what to do, they act. ECPAT-USA recommends that companies:

1. Adopt a policy against human trafficking: Policies send a zero-tolerance message to associates so they are empowered to report suspicious activity.
2. Include language in travel Requests for Proposals (RFPs) inquiring about human trafficking policies. RFPs will alert business partners about your corporate commitment to combating human trafficking and their role in addressing the issue.
3. Train associates: Inform your associates about human trafficking, the signs, and how they should respond to suspicious activity. Visit www.ecpatusa.org for training resources.

ECPAT-USA's Role in your Response

ECPAT-USA is the leading anti-child trafficking organization in the United States seeking to end the commercial, sexual exploitation of children through awareness, advocacy, policy, and legislation. ECPAT-USA partners with the private sector to put in place policies and programs to stop exploitation. ECPAT-USA can partner with your company to:

- Adopt comprehensive policies.
- Implement training.
- Engage employees.

For more information, resources, or to get involved visit www.ecpatusa.org.

