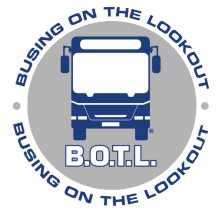




# TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING (TAT) & BUSING ON THE LOOKOUT (BOTL): WHAT CAN YOU DO?



A guide for State Departments of Transportation (DOT)

## 1 Implement industry-specific training for all employees

TAT & BOTL create industry-specific training on human trafficking. Depending on DOT responsibilities in your state, the following trainings could be relevant:

- **For employees working with the bus industry**, implement the 30-minute BOTL training video and share the BOTL wallet card and/or app with each trainee.
- **For employees working with school transportation**, implement the 22-minute BOTL school transportation training video and share the BOTL school transportation wallet card and/or BOTL app with each trainee.
- **For employees working with the trucking industry**, implement the 30-minute TAT training video and share the TAT wallet card and/or app with each trainee.
- **For agencies with law enforcement included among their employees**, implement the 1-hour law enforcement training video.
- **For any other DOT employees**, implement the 24-minute state agency webinar to help them adopt policies and protocols that capitalize on their intersections with commercial vehicle sectors as well as potential victims.

## 2 Establish an internal reporting policy, and share success stories

In establishing an internal reporting policy, DOTs should strive to ensure that their employees know the steps they're expected to take if they suspect human trafficking is occurring, or if they believe they may have come into contact with a potential victim. (Download our toolkit for state agencies for additional information: <https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/state-based-initiatives/#state-agency>.) TAT & BOTL always appreciate when partners share any instances where employees use their training to report trafficking or assist a potential victim of human trafficking. While these types of case studies are extremely valuable as both training tools and illustrations of impact, they will only be shared publicly with permission, and can be anonymized.

## 3 Adopt elements of the Iowa MVE Model over which your agency has purview

The Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement (Iowa MVE) Model activates state agencies in combating human trafficking. Elements include:

- Train Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and/or Law Enforcement Officers with TAT's 1-hour law enforcement training video.
- Stock weigh stations, ports of entry and/or rest areas with TAT & BOTL materials
- Distribute TAT & BOTL wallet cards with CDL issuances and renewals
- Share TAT & BOTL materials with truck stops and bus terminals
- Implement TAT & BOTL training as part of mandatory safety meetings for truck and bus companies

(Learn more here: <https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/state-based-initiatives/#iowa-mve>.)

## 4 Launch/coordinate a victim-centered and public awareness campaign

TAT & BOTL have worked with survivors of sex trafficking to create a series of posters that shares information about human trafficking and the resources available to survivors. You can partner with TAT & BOTL to secure locations in your state to display these posters at rest areas, bus depots, terminals, stops, and/or on buses.

## 5 Work with TAT to include information on your website or on social media

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## 6 Co-host a Coalition Build (CB)

CBs are invite-only events that give industry members direct access to leading law enforcement and government officials in their communities in order to facilitate a localized response to human trafficking. Co-hosting a CB in your state could be as simple as adding your logo to CB materials and sharing the invitation with your members and networks.

**Please contact BOTL Deputy Director Lexi Higgins ([lhiggins@truckersagainstrafficking.org](mailto:lhiggins@truckersagainstrafficking.org)) for additional information/next steps on any of these ideas.**