



ECPAT-USA TRAVELER INDICATORS

HOTEL INDICATORS:

In lobby

- Pay in cash one day at a time
- Disoriented/intoxicated/unclear about date or location
- Inconsistency in stories
- Inappropriately dressed for age or weather
- Carries little or no luggage
- Distrustful of security and does not speak freely
- Requests room with access to exits or adjoining rooms
- One person carries all identification and/or money
- Signs of physical or emotional abuse

Room

- Escort various men into the room and lingers until they leave, watching the door
- A room with people coming and going at regular intervals (ex: on the hour, half hour)
- Late or unusual hours
- Loud noises/fighting/violence coming from room

AIRLINE INDICATORS:

Airport

- Victim not in control of travel documents/identification
- Victim is unclear about departure and destination or inconsistent with trafficker
- Little or no luggage
- Avoids eye contact
- Distrustful of security and/or Immigrations and Customs Enforcement
- Physically or verbally led by trafficker
- Signs of physical abuse

In-flight

- Trafficker does not let victim walk freely through cabin
- Trafficker speaks for victim
- Unclear of plans upon arrival but meeting someone for modeling, acting, or a love interest
- Victim in nervous, distrustful, not allowed, or discouraged from speaking with travelers or flight attendants

WORDS TO LISTEN FOR:

- The Life
- The Game
- Bottom B****
- Bottom Girl
- Daddy
- John
- Track
- Turnout
- Square
- Trick

What you can do to help:

- **BE ALERT** during large gatherings such as conventions or sporting games
- **DO NOT** confront the child or the adult
- **ALERT** management or flight attendant. Note: room/seat number, names, and description of individuals.

NOTE:

If a person under 18 engages in a commercial sex act, they are a victim of trafficking



ECPAT-USA: FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Why don't victims just run away?

Trafficking victims face a variety of hurdles when trying to leave. Their pimps use coercion and manipulation to keep them in a mental prison. If the child ran away from home, dropped out of school, and broke other laws while with the pimp they may be afraid of the police and feel like they can't return home out of guilt and shame. Many pimps brand their victims with a tattoo so they believe they belong to him. *If available, play What I Have Been Through Is Not Who I Am. Go to menu, click "Survivors' Stories Read by Mira Sorvino" Play the 4th Anonymous story of a Survivor (contains expletive). Option to play 3^d Story.*

Q: Doesn't trafficking only happen in countries outside of the United States?

Trafficking happens to U.S. citizens in every U.S. state, in all social classes and amongst every race. A person does not need to be transported between states or brought in from another country to be a victim of sex trafficking; they may simply be forced into prostitution and exploited by pimps.

Q: Why can't we just call the police when we see something?

Following a protocol prevents employees from wrongly accusing guests that are not actually in trafficking situations. It allows us to go over signs. In addition, it ensures that police are able to safely and quietly apprehend traffickers without causing too much commotion and disturbing our guests.

Q: Who are these victims? Where do they come from?

There is no "face of child sex trafficking." Pimps prey on young children with low self esteem. They find a hole in the victims life, whether that is a missing father figure, drug addiction, a boyfriend role, a need for expensive clothing, etc. They fill that hole, forming a bond with the victim and then coax them into the sex industry often times with threats. Victims can include runaways or throwaways though they can be from any socio-economic status. They may also be from anywhere in the United States and not aware of the current city/state they are in. The victims are transported through the country. Many people also think this is only happening to females but both genders are vulnerable, though girls are more often pimped. *If available, play What I Have Been Through Is Not Who I Am. Go to Menu, click "Survivors' Stories Read by Mira Sorvino" Play the 1st Anonymous story of a Survivor.*



ECPAT-USA TRAINING: Resources and Facts

Resources:

What I Have Been Through Is Not Who I Am

AH&LA E-Learning: The Role of Hospitality in Preventing and Reacting to Child Trafficking

www.ecpatusa.org

www.thecode.org

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Facts:

1.2 Million children worldwide are trafficked every year.

At least **100,000** children in the U.S. are commercially sexually exploited.

300,000 children in the United States are at risk of falling victim to commercial sexual exploitation.

Children as young as **12 years old** are trafficked for sexual exploitation.

14,500 to 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the U.S. each year.

45% of commercially sexually exploited victims in New York City were exploited in hotels.

95% of all trafficking victims experience physical or sexual violence.

25% of sex tourists abusing children outside the United States are North American.

Globally, profits obtained from the use of forced labor are estimated at \$150 billion per year; about **\$99 billion** from commercial sexual exploitation.

