

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS



## COMBATting HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING ASSESSMENT NOTES

**Thank you for taking the Combatting Human Trafficking Training! Here are the notes from the training for you to refer to.**

1. Human trafficking is the second largest criminal activity in the world. North Carolina ranks 9th in the United States for reported cases of human trafficking, with 260 cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2020.
2. Trafficking can happen anywhere. Regardless of your setting, if you see something suspicious, you should report it.
3. In a study, 43 percent of surveyed victims stated that they or their traffickers utilized local or long distance buses in the facilitation of their exploitation.
4. Traffickers use various methods to control their victims. This might include physical violence but can also include methods such as legal threats, blackmail or false promises.
5. While transportation is common in human trafficking, victims can be trafficked in their own communities and even from their own home.
6. This is a part of the reason why human trafficking can look different case by case. But be aware - none of these have to be present if the victim is a minor.
7. Keep a look out for passengers who cannot speak for themselves; passengers whose tickets and identification documents are being controlled by another person; acknowledgment of making a quota; minors traveling without adult supervision; passengers who seem confused, panicked, or afraid; cars that are frequently parked by a bus station, but no one ever gets out to board a bus; and anyone offering to exchange sex for money or any other good service.
8. In an emergency, always call 911.
9. If you see something suspicious, text or call the Human Trafficking Hotline. If you feel uncomfortable, reach out to a manager for support. However, never approach the potential trafficker directly. This could place you and the victim in danger.
10. It is OK to be wrong, and you can remain anonymous if you would like. Experts are available 24/7 to help.