

Human Trafficking Education for Passengers using ELERTS



Human Trafficking reports submitted by Transit Agency Passengers

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Combating Human Trafficking In the Transportation Sector

TRAVELING PUBLIC

Crowdsourcing tools support public efforts to report suspected cases of human trafficking in the transportation sector. For example, the ELERTS System, an incident reporting software platform for airports, mass transit, cities and other organizations, allows passengers to send their safety concern via their cellular devices. The agency receives this crowdsourced information on a web-based management console that allows two-way communication with app users. The ability to react instantaneously is critical, and agencies may quickly share incident reports with other transportation agencies or with law enforcement. Incidents can be mapped over time to visualize a system-wide perspective of safety and security on the transportation system. 57 While this system is in place to allow users to report a variety of safety concerns, combining it or a similar app with education around human trafficking indicators can enable passengers to report suspected trafficking cases.



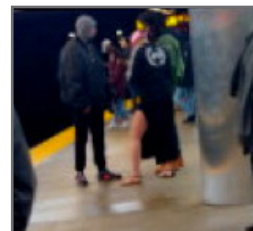
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I think the woman next to this man may be held against her will. The man next to her keeps being very direct with her, making her drink water at his command, making her get up and ask other passengers for items. He's now trying to get other women to "join him to make money." We are on greenline train heading north. Pulling into [redacted] Station. Front rear facing passenger car



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Possible human trafficking. I was just on a [redacted] train that stopped at [redacted] and the female passenger was trying to evade her friend and the guy came back on and said I'll slap you if u don't get off u could tell she was trying to run from him. She had a huge scratch on her neck that was somewhat bloody. She was wearing a purple sweater and purple shoes he was an African American male in his 30s



This young lady was with these two men at the [redacted] train station about 12:30 today. They exited at [redacted]. In this weather her clothing was not warm enough for the weather. Also they appeared to be coaching her. I was uncomfortable and felt like she was being trafficked. Not sure what good this can do but it was weighing on me that this girl could be in danger.



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Man in red and individual who looks to be an underage (pictured), seem to have an inappropriate relationship – witnessed kissing and rubbing man's upper leg.