

## **Literature Search on Human Trafficking Research during Major Sporting Events and Related to Transportation Facilities**

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Sang Le Cooperative Research Specialist from DRISI requested a search on human trafficking - especially during events like the Olympics and the upcoming World Cup in California.

April Nistos, Deputy Division Chief-Research then confirmed that human trafficking research related to transportation facilities would be helpful even if not related to large events.

A literature search was conducted using following keywords.

**Keywords:** anti -trafficking, human smuggling, human trafficking, intervention, modern slavery, Olympics, people smuggling, prevention, sex trafficking, sport, sport mega event(MSE), transportation industry, transit monitoring, and World cup,

**Resources consulted:** Academic Search Ultimate, Caltrans *DOTcat*, Google Scholar, ProQuest, ROSA P, SciTech Premium Collection, ScienceDirect, TRID, and US DOT Research Hub,

Relevant results are organized under three broad categories **United States, International** and **General**.

For the first two categories the results are organized under two subtopics "**Human Trafficking and Major Sport Event**" and "**Human Trafficking and Transportation.**"

Under each topic the citations are listed chronologically in descending order. Useful websites are listed in alphabetic order at the end of the listed results. Abstracts are included when available.

If needed, contact the library to provide full text of the documents.

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With a lot of hoopla, and a bit of rock and roll, high-profile sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, are viewed as determining a certain year's champion team. But did you know high-profile events can be accompanied by nefarious activities such as human trafficking? Human trafficking exploiters use high-profile events involving traveling such as Mardi Gras, NCAA basketball tournaments, NBA finals, and College World Series to attract customers for exploiting victims. Exploiters use ride-shares and air carriers to deliver their human commodities. Many transportation businesses are now equipping their employees with the tools to combat human trafficking through education. For instance, Uber and Lyft are educating their drivers on identifying the signs of human trafficking and how to report trafficking. Uber has partnered for two years with the attorney general of Florida, Ashley Moody, in a human trafficking campaign for the last two Super Bowls. Thousands of rideshare drivers view videos to learn human trafficking signs and clues to prevent the victimization of their passengers by

others. Management of hotels are training their staff members by holding anti-human trafficking seminars and summits to identify signs of human trafficking.<sup>2</sup> For Super Bowl LV in 2021, other collaborative educational efforts were developed for Tampa, sometimes called our nation's "strip club capital." A campaign known as "It's a Penalty" was developed to connect with the Super Bowl host committee, Hillsboro County Commission on Human Trafficking, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the NFL, and many others. NFL players are featured on videos on American Airlines and Southwest Airlines flights to raise awareness of exploitation.

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Human trafficking is a global epidemic. Most recent estimates suggest that some 40 million people are exploited worldwide. In the US alone trafficking cases have been identified in every state in the Union. In 2000, the United Nations set forth the most contemporary description of trafficking under the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children known as the Palermo Protocol. The US followed suit later in 2000 by passing legislation that would become known as the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). Additionally, the exploitation of a minor in any of the above forms, regardless of whether or not force was involved, is considered trafficking in persons. The two most common forms of human trafficking are forced labor and sex trafficking. The travel typically associated with forced labor is intended to get victims to job locations for fixed amounts of time. Whereas, sex trafficking is typically more mobile.

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## **International**

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