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| combat human trafficking  |  | | --- | |  | | 1-888-373-7888 | | national  human trafficking  hotline | |  | |  | | --- | | for the attention of the hotel manager Dear Sir or Madam,  As part of the movement to combat human trafficking, members of **[NAME OF CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION]** in **[CHURCH/ORGANIZATION CITY]** visited your hotel today and spoke to your front desk staff. They explained that at least 100,000 children in the U.S. are commercially sexually exploited and that hotels like yours have a unique opportunity to help them. The growth of the Internet has pushed trafficking behind the closed doors of hotel rooms across the nation. Youth are targeted and manipulated by pimps who use the rooms as venues to abuse children. This is happening throughout the country and in all types of hotels, one star and five star alike.  The organization ECPAT-USA (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) has developed training modules for hotel staff to be able to recognize and report indicators of human trafficking on hotel premises, potentially leading to the rescue of a child. In fact, it is now mandatory in the State of Connecticut for hotels to provide their staff with such trafficking recognition training. Similar legislation is being introduced in other states, including New York and California, acknowledging the incredible difference a hotel employee can make in the life of a trafficking victim. To that end, we hope you will review the folder of information left at the front desk:   1. **[YOUR STATE] Missing Children poster**   Missing children are especially vulnerable to sex trafficking. Please display this poster where your staff can easily see it.   1. **“Together We Can Disrupt Human Trafficking” posters** **in English and Spanish**   Please display these posters back of house to help your staff recognize the signs and behaviors of traffickers and victims and respond if they see suspicious activity. The posters include a space for you to add your property’s own trafficking reporting number. We have included two English versions so one can be kept at the front desk as a quick reference for lobby staff.   1. **“Report Human Trafficking” posters in English and Spanish**   Please display these posters front of house so hotel patrons and possible trafficking victims have access to information about trafficking and the National Human Trafficking Hotline.1   1. **ECPAT-USA Hotel Safety Checklist**   This checklist will help you and your staff take additional measures to protect children and youth.   1. **Sheet of labels with the National Human Trafficking Hotline**   These labels are for housekeeping staff to stick on packages of hotel soap and place in the room of any person believed to be a potential trafficking victim.  If you would like further information about human trafficking or trafficking recognition training for hotel staff, please call **[YOUR CONTACT NUMBER]**.  See the enclosed list of hotel brands to find out if your hotel already has access this training and/or how to license it. Thank you for helping us with this effort to abolish modern day slavery.  Faithfully,  **[YOUR NAME]**  1 These states require hotels and motels to post the National Human Trafficking Hotline in the front lobby: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. New York State encourages posting on a voluntary basis. | |