

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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Your Role in the Private Sector Response









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- Has presented material and consulted on child-protection in travel to local, international, and federal agencies.







## **ECPAT-USA**



- 1991: ECPAT International founded in Bangkok, Thailand Member of ECPAT network
  - ECPAT-USA: American Child Sex Tourists

- 1996: First World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Today 2012: ECPAT groups in 70 countries









#### DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

and the Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct





## PILLARS OF WORK











## CHILD SEX TOURISM



- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in Travel and Tourism
- Quantifying the problem is difficult
  - An estimated 25% of child sex tourists are North American





## CHILD SEX TOURISTS



- Two kinds of perpetrators:
  - pedophiles
  - situational sex tourists
- Both rationalize their behavior
  - anonymity
  - cultural ignorance
  - poor economy
  - false sense that children are always disease free
  - availability





# FACTS ABOUT COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN



Child sex trafficking is one form of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

1-2 million children per year are victims of sexual exploitation.

Exploitation comes in three forms: prostitution, pornography, and trafficking.

In the United States alone, over 200,000 children are at risk per year.





## CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND THE LAW



- In every country, sexual exploitation of children by adults is against the law.
- Federal law against sex trafficking (including children): Trafficking Victims Protection Act: TVPA
- Commonly takes the form of pimping





## TRAFFICKING DEFINED



### Act

- Recruit
- Transport
- Transfer
- Harbor
- Receipt of persons

## Means

- Threat or use of:
  - force
  - fraud
  - coercion

## **Purpose**

- Exploitation:
  - Prostitution
  - Sexual exploitation
  - Forced labor
  - Slavery/ similar practices
  - Removal of organs

**Sex trafficking**: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a **commercial sex act**, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion...





## TRAFFICKING DEFINED





... or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age .





## CHILDREN: VICTIMS NOT CRIMINALS



- Children are never active participants in the sex trade.
  - There are no "child prostitutes".
  - They can not legally consent to sex.
- Inducing or engaging in a commercial sex act with a child is illegal.





## WHO ARE THE VICTIMS



- Runaways/throwaways
- Any socio-economic status
- From anywhere in the United States
  - They are transported through the country
- Both genders are vulnerable
  - Girls are more often pimped





### **PIMPS**



- Target young, vulnerable children
- Play mind games on the victims
  - Threaten the girls
  - Threaten to hurt their family or friends
  - Rape and humiliate the victim
  - Prey on their fear of the police
    - Prostitution is already a crime
    - Pimps promote illicit drug use
    - May have committed other crimes with the pimp





## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS



- 1. Victims not asking for help and are willing participants.
- 2. American children are not at risk for trafficking.
- 3. Trafficking victims must be moved from one place to another.
- 4. Prostitution is a victimless crime.





## THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY



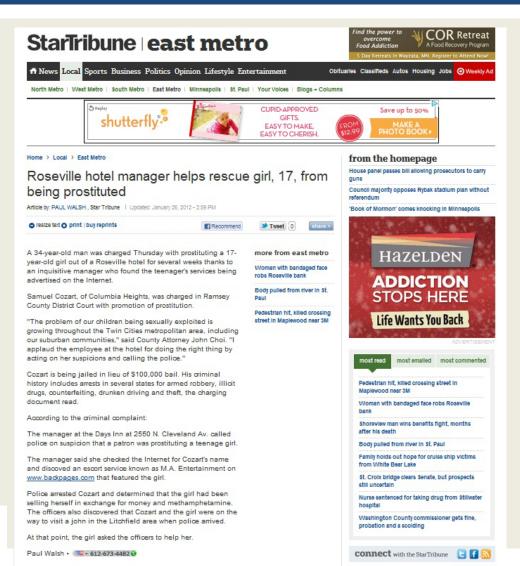
- Often used as an avenue or venue for sexually exploiting children
- Tours, airlines, buses, hotels, trains...
- Online Classified Ads





## **EXAMPLE CASE STUDY**







HOUSTON

## **WORKING TOGETHER**



■ 1998: The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism was created







## **ABOUT THE CODE**



- Industry driven
  - Code Board of Directors
  - Initiated by Scandinavian tour operators
- Multi-Stakeholder
  - UNWTO, SECO, UNICEF
- Voluntary
  - Action plans
  - Self reported





## THE ECPAT CODE



1. Create a policy

2. Train staff to identify potential cases and follow protocol

3. Clause in contracts with suppliers

4. Inform customers about the issue

**5.** Inform key persons

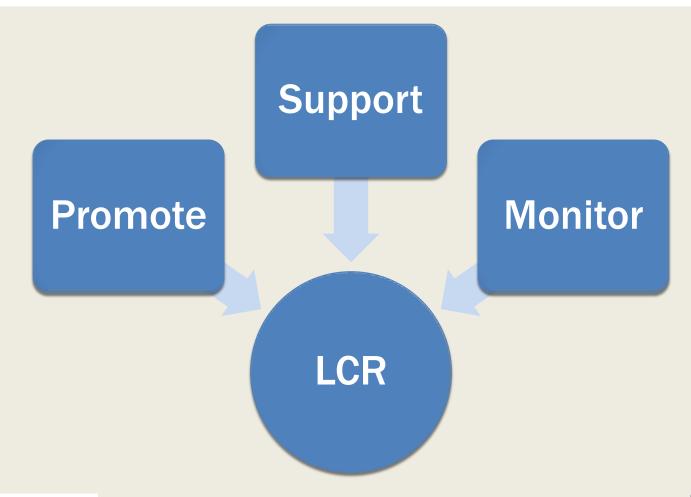
6. Report annually





## **ECPAT-USA & THE CODE**







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## CRITERIA 1



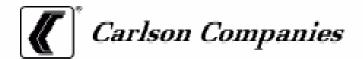
- To establish a corporate ethical policy against commercial sexual exploitation of children
  - Adopting amendments or revising corporate policies to explicitly address CSEC





## CRITERIA 1: CARLSON COMPANIES





#### Policy Regarding Rights of Children Against Sexual Exploitation

As a founding member of the World Childhood Foundation, Carlson Companies and the Carlson family support every child's right to a safe and secure childhood, and believes everyone has the right to grow up and develop without fear of exploitation or harm. The protection of children from exploitation is not only moral but a societal imperative, for "what is done to children they will do to society."

To this end we are signatories to the Global Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism::

- To establish an ethical policy regarding commercial sexual exploitation of children.
- 2. To train the personnel in the country of origin and travel destinations.
- To introduce a clause in contracts with suppliers, stating a common repudiation of commercial sexual exploitation of children.
- To provide information to travelers by means of catalogues, brochures, in-flight films, ticket-slips, home pages, etc.
- To provide information to local 'key persons' at the destinations.
- 6. To report annually.

In addition, we pledge to conduct our business according to the following guidelines:





## CRITERIA 1 CONT: CARLSON COMPANIES



#### Our People

We will equip all employees with the necessary knowledge and training needed for their position to identify and report possible exploitative activity to authorities, and require them to do so.

We will inform all employees that it is a criminal offence to sexually exploit children, and we will report suspected cases of child sexual exploitation to the local police.

#### Our Partners

We will ensure that our future partner and franchise agreements have appropriate language prohibiting exploitative activity in their businesses (including films or materials promoting prohibited activity); with penalties in place for permitting such activity, up to and including contract termination and or expulsion from the applicable Carlson franchise system.

We will not do business with any organization which knowingly participates in any way in the sexual exploitation of children.

#### Our Actions

We will ensure that movies shown in our hotels do not involve the sexual exploitation of children.

We will inform our customers and guests about our policy through means of brochures, home page and in-room information.

We will prohibit the use of all company equipment for the viewing, storage, distribution, promotion or other use of materials which sexually exploit children. Employees engaging in this activity face severe penalties, up to and including immediate termination and referral of the incident to local police.

We will never use images or concepts in our marketing which sexually exploit children.





## CRITERIA 2



To train personnel in the country of origin and travel destinations

- Often includes:
  - Corporate policy
  - Signs (position specific)
  - Protocol for reacting





## **EXAMPLE CASE STUDY**



#### THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE PErcom

LAS VEGAS: Redlands girl rescued in prostitution plot



A Redlands girl was rescued from the Rio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on Wednesday after police said she may have been kidnapped.

BY JOHN ASBURY

News out of Sin City today that a Redlands 17-year-old girl was rescued by police at the Rio Hotel and Casino after she hitched a ride from Victorville.

Las Vegas police said the girl got into a car earlier this week with a man and a woman in Redlands en route to Vegas.

While she was in Las Vegas, the girl said she tried to escape was being held captive. About 7 a.m. Wednesday, she contacted Rio hotel security to report she was kidnapped.

Las Vegas police are treating the case as a likely case of child prostitution, but have not located any suspects. The girl was uninjured and hadn't been forced into prostitution before she escaped. The case is just the latest in a string of Inland teens getting wrapped up in the underbelly of sex trafficking. Last month, the FBI announced indictments in a child prostitution ring after girls were being recruited from Inland high schools. It appears the Redlands girl was an isolated victim. Her parents were called and she was returned home safely.
By jasbury





## CRITERIA 3



- To introduce clauses in contracts with suppliers, stating a common repudiation of sexual exploitation of children
  - Aimed at tour operators





## CRITERIA 3: EXAMPLE



Human Trafficking and Exploitation The Company condemns all forms of human trafficking and commercial exploitation, including the sexual exploitation of men, women or children. We are fully committed, in each and every one of the markets in which we operate, to protecting individuals from all forms of abuse and exploitation. We expect our suppliers and business partners to help us meet this commitment. Sex trafficking and sexual tourism is a large and growing problem worldwide, and The Company must never allow any of its properties, products, or services to be used in any manner that supports or enables any form of abuse and exploitation.





## CRITERIA 4



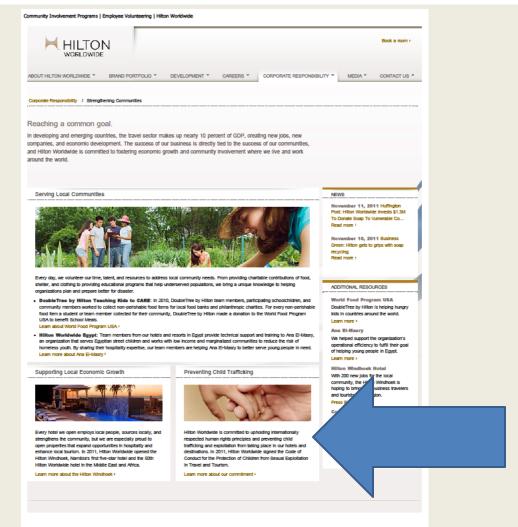
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## CRITERIA 4: HILTON WORLDWIDE







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## CRITERIA 5



■ To provide information to local "key persons" at destinations





## CRITERIA 5: CARLSON COMPANIES









## **CRITERIA 6**



- To report annually
  - done with the LCR





## **OUR GOALS**



- To create a protective environment for children in hotels, airlines, and around tours
- To raise awareness about child sex tourism to situational abusers
- No one should be in a passive atmosphere regarding this issue.





## WHERE WE STAND



- Over 1,000 signatories in over 42 countries
- Signatories in the United States:



























## WHAT CAN YOU DO? TRAVEL COMPANIES



- Raise the issue in your company
- Sign the Code
  - implement some of the steps
- Store these numbers:
  - Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-3737-888
  - The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyperTipline: 1-800-843-5678



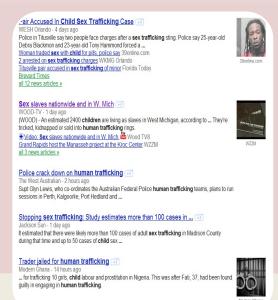


## IN THE MEAN TIME





Monitor online Classified ads selling sex



Stay up to date on the news



Be alert during large gatherings such as conventions or sporting events





## WHAT CAN YOU DO? NON-TRAVEL COMPANIES



- Establish and publicize a corporate ethical policy against commercial sexual exploitation of children
- Book corporate travel with Code signatories
  - Add clause in contracts or during initial Requests for Proposals with travel suppliers
    - "Preference will be given to proposals that address human trafficking and/or facilities that sign on to the ECPAT-USA Tourism Child-Protection Code (www.thecode.org)."





#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.ecpatusa.org www.thecode.org



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