



Slavery can happen anywhere.

Could you spot the signs?



Forced to work for little or no wages?

Living in squalor?

Being controlled by others?

...signs that someone could be a victim of slavery or trafficking. See reverse for more.

Call the Modern Slavery Helpline on **08000 121 700** if you have concerns about someone or need help or advice.



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Modern Slavery is where someone's freedom is taken away in order to exploit them. Examples include:

- **sexual exploitation**, such as forced prostitution or other sexual abuse,
- **forced labour**, where someone is made to work, often for little or no pay. Situations could include construction, nail bars or car washes – but not only these,
- **domestic servitude**, where someone is forced to perform household or childcare duties for little or no pay, and
- **criminal exploitation**, which is being forced into criminal activity such as cultivating cannabis.

Modern slavery affects men, women, girls and boys of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities. Criminals can use threats, violence or deception to trap victims into slavery. Even if someone is being paid, it can still be exploitation.

Know the signs. There are a number of signs that could indicate exploitation:

- **Physical or psychological abuse**, including neglect or lack of food. Appearing anxious, withdrawn, submissive or avoiding eye contact.
- **Living and working in poor conditions**, such as dirty, unsafe or overcrowded locations. Maybe they are paid little or nothing or work too many hours.
- **They appear isolated or controlled by others.** Their movement or activities are restricted by someone; maybe that person speaks for them too. Maybe their passport or other documents are missing or controlled by their 'employer'.
- **Other signs** include: reluctance to seek help, fear of authorities or deportation, in debt to someone, or lack of knowledge about their whereabouts.

What you should do:

- If you believe someone is being exploited or the victim of criminal activity, you can report your suspicions to police by calling **101** or via the website **www.herts.police.uk**.
- Or if you prefer, you can report your concerns to the independent, charity-run **Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700**. Victims can also call this number for help.
- Always call 999 if someone is in immediate danger.

By reporting your concerns, you will be enabling police to investigate and potentially free someone from exploitation and abuse.



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