



Slavery can happen anywhere.

Could you spot the signs?



Controlled by someone?

Bruised, scared or submissive?

...signs that someone travelling in your taxi could be a victim of slavery or exploitation. See reverse for more.

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



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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, and
- **forced labour**, where someone is made to work, often for little or no pay. Situations can include fast food outlets or car washes – but not only these.

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.

Criminals can use taxis to move exploited people from location to location. Please consider these questions:

- Do clients appear to be controlled by a minder? Is someone speaking or paying on their behalf?
- Are you concerned about children or young people being moved from location to location?
- Do passengers seem inadequately dressed, fearful, or have bruises?

Other general signs of exploitation to consider:

- **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 Appearing anxious, withdrawn, submissive or avoiding eye contact.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 their passport or other documents are missing or controlled by their 'employer'.
- **Reluctance to seek help**, fear of authorities or deportation, in debt to someone, or lacking in 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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