



You may be at risk of exploitation.

Could you spot the signs?



- Have you been approached by strangers offering food, alcohol, drugs and/or shelter?
- Have you been offered work that sounds too good to be true?
- Are you working for, or have you been offered work, for little or no wages?
- Has someone taken your personal belongings or documents?
- Are you being forced to engage in criminal or sexual activity?
- Have you noticed people suddenly disappearing from the streets?

Call the 24/7 Modern Slavery Helpline on **08000 121 700** if you have concerns about exploitation.



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Modern Slavery is where someone's freedom is taken away in order to exploit or take advantage of them. Examples include: **sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, domestic servitude and criminal exploitation.**

The Facts:

- Exploiters often try to recruit people at day centres, night shelters and at soup runs.
- Exploiters will promise cash in hand work, alcohol, drugs, and accommodation, which usually turn out to be false. They will then use different methods to prevent someone from escaping or reporting to the police.
- You are at a higher risk if you are offered work in hand car washes, agriculture work, factory work and/or construction.
- If you are being forced to engage in criminal or sexual activity, this is also exploitation.

Think you might be being exploited?

- Speak to a key/support worker or someone from a recognised/registered homeless charity.
- Call the police on **101** (request to speak to the modern slavery unit) or report anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.
- If you prefer, report your concerns to the independent and confidential, charity-run 24-hour Modern Slavery Helpline on **08000 121 700**. The helpline is available in over 200 languages.
- **Always call 999** if you or someone you know is in immediate danger.

Know the signs. How to spot an exploiter:

- Someone that you always see hanging around outside day centres/night shelters with a van and/or large car.
- Someone that you have not seen on the streets before and who does not want to talk to support workers/volunteers.
- Someone that has a smartphone but no other obvious belongings.
- Strangers that are seen talking to people outside day centres/night shelters and then showing them to a van or car.
- Someone offering you work or other things, but then arranges an alternative meeting place to pick you up, which is away from your current location.

Suspect an exploiter?

- **NEVER** approach or engage with them.
- Write down any car/van licence number plates and a description of what they look like.
- Speak to a key/support worker or someone from a recognised/registered homeless charity.
- Call the police on **101** (ask to speak to the modern slavery unit) or **call 999 in an emergency.**

If you suspect exploiters are targeting you or someone else, report your concerns and help prevent someone from being exploited or abused.



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