

Modern slavery is happening where you are. There could be someone close to you who is being exploited whether that's sexually or for their labour. These people are vulnerable and need your help.

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WHAT DO I DO IF I SUSPECT SOMEONE IS BEING EXPLOITED?

If you need help, advice or information about any modern slavery issue, you can contact the modern slavery helpline on **08000 121 700**.

If you fear someone is in immediate danger always ring **999**.

If you know someone affected by slavery and who is in need of help and support then please contact Lancashire Victim Services.

Visit www.lancashirevictimservices.org or telephone **0300 323 0085** for support.

For more information about modern slavery, visit the constabulary website www.lancashire.police.uk/modernslavery

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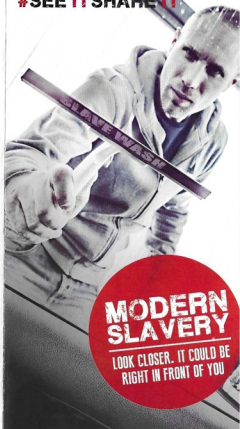


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WHAT IS MODERN SLAVERY?

Modern slavery involves the recruitment and movement of individuals using threats, deception and coercion for the purpose of exploitation.

It takes many forms but the most common are sexual exploitation, forced labour and domestic servitude. Victims are forced to work against their will in many different settings, including brothels, cannabis farms, nail bars, car washes, agriculture and even within people's homes.

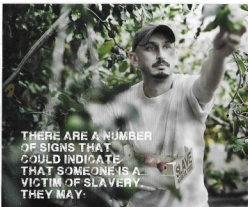
It is not an issue confined to history or an issue that only exists in certain countries. It is a global problem and it is happening right now here in Lancashire.

Human trafficking can also be a part of modern slavery as a person is moved from one place to another (this could be country to country, town to town, or even as simple as one room in a building to another). Even if a victim consents and is willing to be moved, trafficking could still be taking place.

Unfortunately, few people understand modern slavery and many confuse it with 'migrant working' or 'illegal immigration'.

It is a problem that transcends age, gender and ethnicities, and can impact both foreign nationals and British citizens.

Victims are generally living in fear, do not fully understand what is happening to them and comply with their abusers in hiding the reality - often because of threats of violence made to them and their families.



THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SIGNS THAT COULD INDICATE THAT SOMEONE IS A VICTIM OF SLAVERY. THEY MAY:

- Show signs of physical or psychological abuse, look malnourished, unkempt, or appear withdrawn.
- Rarely be allowed to travel on their own, seem under the control and influence of others or appear unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or where they work.
- Live in dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation, and could be living & working at the same address.
- Have few personal possessions, often wear the same clothes or are poorly equipped for the job they are carrying out.
- Have little opportunity to move freely and have no identification or travel documents in their possession.
- Be dropped off and collected for work on a regular basis either early or late at night.
- Avoid eye contact, appear frightened or hesitant to talk to strangers and fearful of law enforcers and authorities.

These are all signs that could suggest someone is subject to modern slavery, but you may just have a feeling or an instinct that something isn't right about a person or premises in your community.

We are committed to preventing modern slavery and bringing those responsible to justice whilst finding and supporting victims. In order to do this we need your help by looking out for the signs.

If you are a victim or you have been affected by modern slavery, you can also seek help from Lancashire Victim Services by calling 0300 323 0085 or by visiting www.lancashirevictimservices.org

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