

MODERN SLAVERY FACTSHEET

Did you know

In the UK alone, there are estimated to be more than 100,000 victims silently hidden in everyday places like car washes, brothels, nail bars and restaurants.

Victims of labour exploitation may lack protective equipment or clothing, appear frightened, withdrawn or confused and work unusually long hours. Signs like this could mean someone is being exploited for their labour.

Learn more on the signs: <https://www.unseenuk.org/about-modern-slavery/spot-the-signs/#labour-exploitation>

What is Modern Slavery?

Modern Slavery includes:

- Slavery
- human trafficking
- forced and compulsory labour
- domestic servitude

Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.

Whilst usually associated with organised crime groups, modern slavery is also committed by individual opportunistic perpetrators and even family members.

Signs of Modern Slavery

Signs of various types of slavery and exploitation are often hidden, making it hard to recognise potential victims.

Signs may include:

- Not being in possession of legal documents such as passport, identification and bank account details as they are being held by someone else
- Looking malnourished, unkempt, or appearing withdrawn
- Owning few personal possessions
- Appearing under the control or influence of others
- Fearful of authorities

Report a Concern

If you believe someone may be at risk of modern slavery or any other abuse/neglect raise a concern by completing a [referral form](#) or contact Knowsley MASH team on Tel: **0151 443 2600**.

If you believe a person is in immediate risk of harm, you should contact the police by ringing 999.