Spotting the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking

We all have a part to play in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking. Victims are often hidden in plain sight - when you’re going about your day, here’s some signs to look out for...
Appearance

- Indications of physical or psychological abuse
- Untreated injuries
- Looks unhygienic, malnourished or untidy
- Signs of drug or alcohol addiction
Behaviour

- Seems anxious/agitated or withdrawn and neglected
- Appears to be under the control of someone else and reluctant to interact with others
- Avoids eye contact, appears frightened or nervous of the police
Home life

- Part of a group living in the same accommodation, who travel together
- Lives in unclean, cramped or overcrowded accommodation
- Few personal possessions
- Rarely interacts or appears unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or place of employment
Work life

- Always wears the same clothes and/or clothes that are not suitable for their job
- Dropped off/collected for work either very early or late at night on a regular basis
- Lives at their place of work
- Works very long hours, perhaps every day
Raising a concern

If you are concerned about a potential victim of modern slavery or human trafficking, or a situation that is potentially exploitative:
• Call the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 or submit a report online modernslaveryhelpline.org/report

• If you believe a person is being trafficked and is in immediate danger, you should call 999 straight away

• Report the crime to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 – an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime, 100% anonymously

• You can also report suspicions of trafficking by calling 101 or visiting your local police station
Our work

Justice and Care helps rescue victims of slavery and human trafficking. We empower them to rebuild their lives. We work with the police to pursue and dismantle criminal networks and bring perpetrators to justice. We secure communities at risk from traffickers and spark systemic change. To learn more about our work, get involved and help support us, visit justiceandcare.org