



Modern Slavery

What is Modern Slavery?

Although slavery was outlawed in the UK over 200 years ago forms of it still exist today where human beings are bought and sold as commodities.

Modern slavery is a complex crime which captures a range of types of exploitation (many of which occur together).

What forms can modern slavery take?

It can include but is not limited to:-

- Sexual Exploitation
- Forced Labour
- Criminal Exploitation
- Child Exploitation
- Domestic Servitude
- Other Forms of Exploitation (which can include organ harvesting, forced benefit fraud, forced begging, forced marriages and illegal adoption)



What are the signs of modern slavery?

People

Victims can be any age, gender, race or nationality.



Often they will not have access to medical care and may have untreated injuries.

Victims may look malnourished, unkempt and appear withdrawn and/or frightened. They may not answer questions directed at them or speak for themselves. A third party may speak for them.

They may fear authorities and be scared of removal.

In regard to children, their parent or legal guardian may be absent. The quality of the relationship between the child and their adult carer may be poor and the child may not be registered with local services such as a GP or school.

Places

A property where victims are held may have the following characteristics;

- bars at the window or windows permanently covered from the inside
- windows with reflective film applied to them
- CCTV installed
- a sealed letter box
- inside access to rear rooms is restricted
- the property is overcrowded

Businesses

- Often victims will not have appropriate work clothing for their job
- Have poor personal hygiene
- Are fearful to engage with the public
- Children are present at work premises

What should you do if you have suspicions?

Trafficking gangs are extremely dangerous criminals, **DO NOT** attempt to act on suspicions which may put you or other victims at risk.

If you have suspicions about a person being a modern slavery victim or a business using forced labour, call **North Wales Police** or one of the organisations listed below:

You can remain anonymous, but it is important to report anything suspicious.

North Wales Police
999 (emergency) or
101 (non-emergency)

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Modern Slavery Helpline
0800 0121700

BAWSO
0800 7318147

NSPCC
0800 8005000