

GUIDE TO

MODERN SLAVERY



The vision of the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board is that all adults in Surrey live a life free from fear, abuse and neglect.

WHAT IS MODERN SLAVERY?

Modern slavery is a type of abuse that includes human trafficking, forced labour and domestic servitude. Traffickers will use force, deception or coercion to trap individuals into a life of servitude or abuse, and exploit them for criminal gain.

SLAVERY IN THE UK

Thousands of cases of modern slavery occur in the UK each year, in a wide variety of settings and circumstances, such as:

- » The sex trade
- » Agricultural labour
- » Domestic and commercial cleaning services
- » Car washes
- » Nail bars

Men, women and children can all be victims of modern slavery, but people with a mental illness, learning disability, physical disability or cognitive impairment may be less able to protect themselves from exploitation.

SPOTTING THE SIGNS OF MODERN SLAVERY

The following warning signs indicate that someone may be trapped in slavery:

- » Being scared to talk to people
- » Avoiding eye contact
- » Having physical injuries or bruises
- » Wearing the same clothes every day (especially if those clothes are dirty and unsuitable for the type of work or weather)
- » Looking malnourished or ill
- » Working unusual or very long hours
- » Not knowing the area where they live and work (slaves are usually dropped off and picked up, and aren't allowed to travel freely)
- » Not being allowed out on their own
- » Lacking ID or a passport (traffickers will usually take their ID to stop them leaving)

It's important to remember that victims may be living in fear of their controllers, or feel dependent on them. Some may not even understand that they're being exploited. This means you should never directly confront the potential victim or the person in charge. Contact the authorities instead.

GETTING HELP

If you suspect someone is a victim of modern slavery, it's vital you report it. Contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):

- » Call on **0300 470 9100**
- » Email ascmash@surreycc.gov.uk
- » Text on **07527 182861**
- » Out of hours, call **01483 517898**

You should also notify the police by dialling 101 or, in an emergency, 999.

Additional support is available from Justice & Care, an organisation that works with the police to rescue victims of modern slavery, bring traffickers to justice and restore lives. Find out more at www.justiceandcare.org.