

Modern Slavery

Professionals Guidance Leaflet



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BC Staff



External

Spotting the Common Signs of Modern Slavery:

Appearance

- Signs of physical/psychological abuse and untreated injuries.
- Look malnourished, unkempt, withdrawn and neglected.
- Wear the same clothes every day.
- Young person with new unexplained expensive items e.g. new trainers or phone.

Accommodation

- Living in dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation.
- Living and working at the same address.

Seeking Help

- Reluctant to seek help and avoids eye contact.
- Appear frightened or hesitant to talk to strangers.
- Scared of police, don't know who to trust or where to get help.
- Afraid of deportation; violence threats to themselves or their family.

Travel

- Rarely allowed to travel on their own.
- Collected/dropped off regularly early in the morning or late at night.
- In a crowded minibus with other workers.
- Have no control of their identification documents e.g. their passport.
- Children dropped off or picked up in taxis at unusual times/places.

Isolation

- Seem under the control or influence of others.
- Appear unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or where they work.
- Have relationships that don't seem right e.g. older adult with a young person.

unseenuk.org has further information about how to spot the signs of specific types of exploitation e.g. domestic servitude, child exploitation, sexual exploitation.

Victim Support

Information, Advice and Reporting

Thames Valley Police - for information and to report immediate concerns.

 thamesvalley.police.uk/advice

 Emergency **999**  Non-emergency **101**

 thamesvalley.police.uk



Crimestoppers - to report a crime anonymously (Crimestoppers is not the police if you require immediate police attention call 999).

 crimestoppers-uk.org  **0800 555 111**

Buckinghamshire Council - to report concerns about a child or adult who you think is being exploited.

Child: First Response Team

(The Missing and Exploitation hub supports victims up to the age of 25)

 **01296 383 962**  buckinghamshire.gov.uk/concerned-about-a-child

Adult: First Response Team

 **0800 137915**  buckinghamshire.gov.uk/concerned-about-an-adult

Outside of office hours: (Emergency Duties)  **0800 999 7677**

Modern Slavery Helpline - (part of the charity Unseen) provides information, advice and guidance to professionals and victims. You can also report concerns.

 modernslaveryhelpline.org  **08000 121 700**

Victims First Specialist Service - provides support to victims (18+) of modern slavery and exploitation, such as housing, benefits, education, employment, assistance through court processes, hospital visits, arranging food and clothes parcels etc.

 victims-first.org.uk/crimes/victims-first-specialist-service

 **01844 487 987**

Karma Nirvana - specialist charity that supports both victims and survivors of honour based abuse in the UK.

 karmanirvana.org.uk  **0800 5999 247**

Victims First - provides free emotional and practical support to all victims and witnesses of crime, as well as their families, whether or not the crime has been reported to the police.

 [victims-first.org.uk](https://www.victims-first.org.uk)  **0300 1234 148**

The Forced Marriage Unit helpline - 24hr public helpline to provide advice and support to victims and potential victims of forced marriage.

 **020 7008 0151** (00 44 20 7008 0151 from abroad)

Additional Information - Children and under 18's

Barnardos - offer practical, emotional support and protection for young people at risk or who have been abused, exploited, trafficked or at risk of female genital mutilation.

 [barnardos.org.uk](https://www.barnardos.org.uk)  **0800 1111 (Childline)**

Ivison Trust (formerly PACE) - supports parents and carers whose children are being exploited by offenders outside of the family.

 [ivisontrust.org.uk](https://www.ivisontrust.org.uk)  **0113 240 3040**

SafeCall - free, confidential and anonymous helpline and support service for young people and family members that are affected by missing people, county lines and criminal exploitation.

 [missingpeople.org.uk](https://www.missingpeople.org.uk)  or text **116 000**

 116000@missingpeople.org.uk

Safe! - supports families and young people in Buckinghamshire, who have been affected by crime or abuse. Includes SASH a specialist support service for 5 -18 year olds who have been affected by rape and sexual assault.

 [safeproject.org.uk](https://www.safeproject.org.uk)  **0800 133 7938**

The Children's Society - national charity that supports the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect.

 [childrensociety.org.uk](https://www.childrensociety.org.uk)  **0300 303 7000**