Signs of Modern Slavery



#KnowTheSigns of Modern Slavery

None of these indicators in isolation or combination can give you complete certainty, however you do not need to be certain to report your concerns.

Someone who is potentially being trafficked or exploited in modern slavery may be:

- Easily startled, agitated or afraid
- Unsure of where they are and lack official ID
- Unable to explain injuries or possessions
- Looking unkempt or malnourished
- Living in dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation
- Accompanied by a suspicious companion
- Children can be dressed up to look older than they are
- Secretive about who they're meeting, talking to or what they're doing online



Analysing the Situation

Asking yourself the following questions will help you analyse a situation you may witness or be aware of in the future.

- What am I looking at? Do I know what I'm looking at?
- Is modern slavery a potential? Could this be something to report?
- Is this time critical or not?
- What might be the consequences if I do report it?
- What might be the consequences if I don't report it?
- If I don't report, might no one else have the ability or opportunity to report it? What might happen to the person?

Potential victims of modern slavery may:

- be reluctant to come forward with information
- not recognise themselves as having been trafficked or
- enslaved tell their stories with obvious errors