

PURPLE TEARDROP CAMPAIGN

HUMAN TRAFFICKING - THE SIGNS



As part of the fight against human trafficking it is important that we are all aware of the scale and nature of the problem. Whether as employers, professionals in health and social services or simply as members of the public we all have a role to play in being vigilant and maintaining a high level of alertness to the possibility of trafficking crimes going on in our communities.

It is important that if you have any suspicions you should contact the Crimestoppers Helpline on 0800 555 111.

What to Look Out for

Forced Labour, eg on a farm, in a factory, restaurant, car wash, nail bar, ...

UK or Non-UK nationals doing labour intensive work. Poor or non-existent safety equipment

Workers do not have suitable clothing for the work they are doing

Workers live in **overcrowded** squalid accommodation. They don't know the address of where they live or work

Minibuses pick them up at unusual hours of the day and night Bins at the accommodation are full of fast food packaging Workers may seem fearful and **poorly integrated** into the wider community

They have no days off or holiday time

Employers or **someone else is holding their PASSPORT** and legal documents

In a sauna or massage parlour ...

The woman may be a **foreign national**, **under age**, **vulnerable** She appears to be **unhappy and unwilling to perform sexual acts**

She is frightened or in physical pain

The woman sees a large number of clients each day/night. She is able to keep little, or none, of the money she receives from clients.

'Special' services are offered including unprotected sex, often at a **low price**

She **doesn't smile** and is **reluctant** to cooperate

Food is paid for by another person

She has little or no time off

She may only know how to say sex-related words in English

Domestic labour ...

A **foreign national adult** or child who lives with a family nearby, possibly as a **domestic servant** or nanny

The person is **rarely allowed out of the house**, unless their employer or guardian is with them

They are subject to abuse, insults, threats or violence

They have **no private space** or a proper place to sleep ie on the floor or sofa

They have a **poor diet** or are given the family's leftover food to eat

If they are **a child**, they may have **poor attendance at school**, no access to education and no time to play The person does not **interact** much with the family

Children in a home ...

A **teenage girl** meets an older male who becomes her boyfriend. Initially he flatters her, buys her gifts such as a mobile phone, and **introduces her** to **alcohol or drugs**. He **makes her feel** incredibly **special**

The **man controls** her more and more. He claims she owes him for drugs and forces her to do sexual favours as a means of payment

She is taken from her family home and returned after varying lengths of time; her relationship with her family or guardians gradually becomes severed

Pictures or films of her engaging in sex activities are used to make her feel **guilty**, **fearful** her family will find out. Her 'boyfriend' uses this to control her, making her sleep with his friends

He takes her to different flats (even in different towns or cities), getting her to sleep with different men

She may not know he is taking payment from these men either in money or illegal drugs

On your high street ...

A young, elderly or disabled foreign national who **begs in public places or on public transport**

They may show obvious signs of being **abused** such as **bruises**, **cuts or mutilation**

They seem **fearful of adults** (especially law enforcers) or their behaviour is jumpy

One adult is the guardian of a large group of children

A large group of adult or child beggars is **moved daily** to different locations but returns to the same location every night

On public transport they move as a group, such as walking up and down the length of a train or bus

If you are travelling ...

A non-UK national child is travelling alone

The child does not seem to have many possessions but does have a mobile phone

The child is not travelling to the UK to meet his or her parent or guardian

The child is suspicious of adults

They are very afraid of being deported

They may show signs of **inappropriate or sexualised behaviour** towards men

