

Who is this leaflet for?

This leaflet offers help and advice for people who think they may be victims of Modern Slavery in the UK.

What is Modern Slavery?

Modern Slavery is a serious crime. It encompasses slavery, servitude, and forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking. Modern Slavery victims can often face more than one type of abuse and slavery, for example if they are sold to another trafficker and then forced into another form of exploitation.

A person is trafficked if they are brought to (or moved around) a country by others who threaten, frighten, hurt and force them to do work or other things they don't want to do.

If you are identified as a victim of slavery, then you will be entitled to:

- help and protection from the UK Government (this is called the National Referral Mechanism). All support is provided on a confidential basis.
- support if you decide to talk to the police.

The **National Referral Mechanism** has been put in place to identify victims of trafficking and refer them to organisations that will offer help and support.

Individuals identified as victims of Modern Slavery are entitled to a minimum recovery and reflection period of 45 days. As part of this, care and support is provided by The Salvation Army.

You have rights

You may feel scared, powerless and alone. However, help is available and you have rights and choices. You have the right to independent emotional, medical and practical help. This support could include:

- finding you temporary safe accommodation.
- helping you with medical treatment.
- having someone to help you cope with your experience.
- providing an interpreter/translator to help you communicate in English.
- protection: Modern Slavery is a crime. If you chose to report it to the police they must respond.
- independent legal advice.

You can obtain advice from your legal advisor or a Citizen's Advice Bureau about any compensation you may be able to claim. If you have a support worker, they can assist you in obtaining this advice.

The Modern Slavery Helpline

 08000 121 700

The Salvation Army Helpline

 0300 303 8151

Non-British or European Economic Area Nationals will not be removed from the UK during the recovery and reflection period. If you are identified as a victim of modern slavery, you may be considered for a temporary residence permit.

If you are not British or from the European Economic Area (and do not have a right to remain in the UK) then you will be assisted to return to your home country, if it is safe to do so.

What happens if I decide to tell the police about my experience?

The police will:

- talk to you about what has happened
- offer you protection from those that hurt you
- start an investigation
- keep you informed.

For help and support, contact:

England and Wales:

The Salvation Army Human Trafficking Helpline

☎ 0300 303 8151

The Modern Slavery Helpline

☎ 08000 121 700

Throughout UK:

Police

☎ 999 (Emergency number)

☎ 101 (Non-emergency number)



HM Government

Help for adult victims of Modern Slavery

Your rights if you've been trafficked into exploitation in the UK



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