



# Modern slavery and how to get help



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Some of these pictures might upset you.**

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# Who we are



We are **Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board**.

**Safeguarding** means making sure people are safe.



We work with other organisations to make sure all adults can live safely in Somerset.



This leaflet tells you about **modern slavery** and what you can do about it.



This leaflet might upset you.

You can ask someone you trust to read it with you.

# What is abuse?



Abuse is when someone does or says something that hurts or upsets someone else.

Abuse can happen to anyone.



Abuse is never OK.

No one has the right to abuse people.



Abuse normally happens over weeks, months or years.

But abuse can also happen once.



This leaflet tells you about a type of abuse called **modern slavery**.

# What is modern slavery?



**Modern slavery** is when someone forces another person to live and work for other people.

For example, doing housework or sex work, like being a prostitute.



Someone is in modern slavery if they are

- Forced to work.



- Told they are owned by a boss.



- Stopped from leaving work or leaving where they live.

People in slavery do not have any freedom.

# Who might carry out modern slavery



People who force others to work are called **slave masters** or **human traffickers**.



**Human trafficking** is when people are moved around and forced to work.

Traffickers might take away people's passport.



**Slave masters** force people to live and work somewhere they do not want to.



Slave masters threaten people, like say they will hurt them.

Or trick people, by saying they will give them a job and money.

# Signs of slavery



Someone might be in modern slavery if they

- Look beaten up or unwell.
- Are hungry, thin or scruffy.



- Are not allowed out alone.
- Do not know the area well.

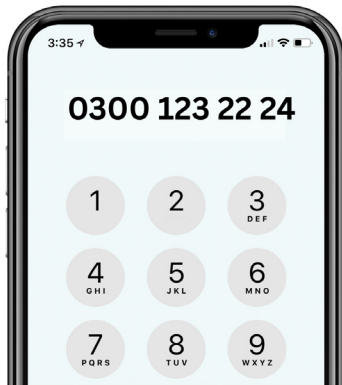


- Do not have many belongings.
- Do not have paperwork.



- Are picked up for work early in the day or late at night.
- Are scared to get help.

# Who to contact for help



You can contact Somerset Council about abuse on

- Phone **0300 123 22 24**  
Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 5.30pm



- Email **adults@somerset.gov.uk**



You can call the Out of Hours team at Somerset Council on **0300 123 23 27**.



You can also contact the police about the abuse.

- Call **101**
- Or call **999** in an emergency.

# More information



You can find more information on our website

[www.SomersetSafeguardingAdults.org.uk](http://www.SomersetSafeguardingAdults.org.uk)



You can also use your phone to scan this QR code to visit our website.



We have a leaflet with more information on each type of abuse.



**Abuse is never your fault.  
We are here to help you.**



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