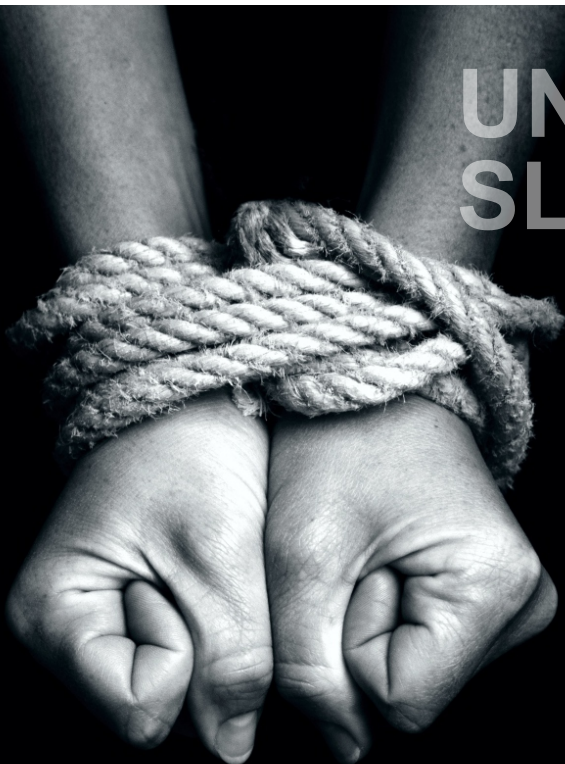


Modern Slavery is here in York and North Yorkshire

This leaflet tells you more about
what modern slavery is and
what you can do to stop it.



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Many people around the country believe that slavery ended many years ago.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Slavery now takes many different forms, most of which are present here in York and North Yorkshire. Recent cases identified by the local police, councils and community organisations in this region include:

- cannabis farming
- child exploitation
- domestic servitude
- human trafficking for sexual exploitation
- labour exploitation
- nail bars
- vulnerable young people carrying drugs from urban centres
- care homes
- domiciliary care
- hand car washes.

Some locally-based companies are also being supplied with goods and services which are produced outside the country or within the UK, using slave labour!



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Everyone can look out for the signs of modern slavery and help stop it!

Signs to look out for include:

- Unusual movements of cars and people in and out of a house in your street, e.g. men coming and going but no sign of any women?
(a 'pop-up' brothel?)
- Indications that the electricity supply to a house, or industrial or farm building may be tampered with?
(a cannabis farm)
- Considerable turnover of staff at cafes and restaurants, or at care homes; do the staff look well cared for or are timid or cautious?
(labour exploitation?)
- Are you purchasing goods (e.g. clothes) or services at ridiculously low prices compared with the norm?
(slavery in supply chains)
- Are you approached in the streets by children (some as young as 8/9) to buy things or to ask for money?
(child exploitation)
- Are you visited by small groups of unskilled men offering to do jobs in your gardens or driveways?
(labour exploitation)
- Have you used nail bars or car washes where you are concerned about the conditions under which the employees are operating?
(no shelter, inadequate clothing and footwear, poor equipment etc.)

Most forced into slavery in our area are foreign nationals, often from Eastern and Central Europe; but some are also UK nationals, perhaps people with social or educational disadvantages, exploited because of their vulnerability.

What can you do?

There are many everyday situations you may come across which may involve elements of Modern Slavery. If you find a situation you are worried about, contact one of the organisations below. Make clear you are reporting an issue to do with Modern Slavery.

Better to take action than do nothing

- **North Yorkshire Police** - 101, or 999 in emergency
- **Crimestoppers** 0800 555 111
- **Modern Slavery Helpline** - 08000 121 700  **modern slavery helpline**
- **Gangmasters' Authority** 0800 432 0804
- **City of York Council** (adults) 01904 555111
(children) 01904 551900
- **Hope for Justice** - 0300 008 8000 
- **North Yorkshire County Council** 01609 780780
- **Salvation Army** - 0300 303 8151 



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