



Reading the tell-tale signs of victims of human trafficking

People who:

- seem isolated from the local community and are always under the control of others
- live in over-crowded conditions, often with a heavy security presence
- look anxious, ill and under nourished
- are unwilling to engage with others in social or workplace settings
- are regularly collected very early and returned late at night
- work in a poor safety environment for little or no pay
- are foreign nationals or teenagers who rarely leave a house without being accompanied by older men or women
- have frequent visitors to premises, often a stream of men arriving and leaving at unusual times
- have bruises, scars and other signs of physical abuse and torture, although trafficked victims are often beaten in areas, like their lower back, that are not outwardly visible
- are sex workers who offer 'special services' at a low price, who are advertised as having a particular ethnicity, who appear underage or speak little or no English

What help is available?

Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance (TARA) - offers support, advocacy, and advice to trafficked women.
www.saferglasgow.com/what-we-do.aspx
Tel: 0141 276 7729

Police Scotland - information at:
www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening
To report suspicion of human trafficking call 101.

Migrant Help - provides support and safe accommodation across the UK:
www.migranthelp.org/human-trafficking
Tel: 07766 668 781

Scottish Guardianship Service - supports trafficked children and young people.
Email: guardianship@aberlour.org.uk
Tel: 0141 4458659

The Salvation Army - manages the support for victims on behalf of the government in England & Wales.
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/humantrafficking
Tel: 0300 3038151

Hope for Justice - provides advice on human trafficking.
Email: info@hopeforjustice.org.uk
Tel: 0845 519 7402

▶ If you see something suspicious,
call Crimestoppers on

0800 555 111

or contact Police Scotland by calling 101, or
the UK Human Trafficking Centre Tactical Advice Team
on 0844 778 2406

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Human Trafficking:

What are the Indicators?



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People are too precious to be bought and sold

What is the Reality



Newspapers and TV bring us stories of “human trafficking” – people bought and sold, transported across the world, often forced to work in illegal activities for long hours in very poor conditions for little pay, or in prostitution: all living in fear.

But this is not just something that happens on TV or in another country. It happens here in Scotland where there are trafficked people living in fear just down the road from you and me.

This leaflet aims to highlight the issue, suggesting what to look for, and gives details of agencies that can help to make a difference to people who are victims of the scourge that is human trafficking.

Questions to think about

Is it possible that the house along the road from you, where the blinds are always closed, could be a factory where Vietnamese children are forced to tend cannabis plants?

Might the group of men whom you see every morning at the corner of the main road be waiting to be taken, without choice, to work in the construction industry?

▶ Are you sufficiently aware of human trafficking to consider that a woman living in an adjacent flat may be being subjected to enforced prostitution?

▶ Has it occurred to you that the au pair, nanny or other home-help fleetingly seen around a neighbour's home may in fact be living in domestic servitude, sleeping on a mat in a kitchen in comfortable suburbia?



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Who are the victims?

They are people who are trafficked around the world for sexual exploitation, forced labour, marijuana cultivation, removal of organs, forced marriage, illegal adoption, and participation in armed combat.

The International Labour Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are victims of forced labour worldwide. This includes people who have been forcibly removed from their homes to be enslaved in degrading activities.

In 2009 the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee Report stated that there were about 5,000 victims in the UK and that the numbers were rising. They continue to do so.

While this lucrative global crime generates billions of dollars in profits for the traffickers, those who have been trafficked are robbed of their humanity and are violated both spiritually and physically.