

# Tackling human trafficking

## WHAT IS IT?

Human trafficking involves the **acquisition** and **movement** of people **by improper means**, such as force, threat or deception **for the purpose of exploitation**.

### Types of exploitation

**Sexual exploitation** is where a victim is forced into sexual acts against their will, such as prostitution or pornography.



Other exploitation types can include:

- **criminal exploitation** where victims are forced into crimes like pick-pocketing;
- **forced begging** where victims are forced to beg for money; or
- **forced labour** where victims are forced to work against their will.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As a door supervisor, your job puts you in a position where you may witness, or come into contact with victims of human trafficking, particularly those who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation. Such victims may be either adults or children.

### **1. LOOK AROUND**

As a frontline professional you are uniquely placed to identify potential victims of human trafficking in the community. You may also witness the criminals who are exploiting the victims.

### **2. SPOT THE SIGNS**

See next page for suggestions on what signs to look out for.

### **3. REPORT SUSPICIONS**

Turn over for contact details as to who you should call if you suspect someone may be a victim of trafficking.

## What are the signs that a person may have been trafficked?

Their movement is controlled and they show fear or anxiety

They have injuries that appear to be the result of an assault

They have no cash of their own

They live in fear of being reported to the authorities

They are not in possession of their passport or other identity documents, as those documents are being held by someone else

They are in a situation of dependence

They are subjected to violence or threats of violence against themselves or against their family members and loved ones

Be unfamiliar with the local language

They allow others to speak for them when directly addressed

They are begging in public places and they are punished if they do not collect or steal enough

### How to respond

It is extremely important to be aware that **trafficking gangs are dangerous criminals**, so it is vital that you do not attempt to act on suspicions yourself as this may put you or the possible victims at risk. **If you believe that someone might be a victim of human trafficking you should:**

1. **Dial 999** if you think that the person is in imminent danger
2. **Dial 101** to report suspicions to the police, or
3. **Call Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**.