

St Albans Traffick Watch

Stop the Traffick have put together the information below. Each box contains a type of exploitation usually associated with trafficking and a description of the likely signs that would indicate that individuals have been trafficked for exploitation.

<p>Cannabis Cultivation</p> <p>People working in houses growing cannabis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The windows of the property are permanently covered from the inside • Visits to the premises occur at unusual times of the day or night • People do not seem to live in the premises but visits are regular • There may be a vent protruding through the roof or rear window • There may be a pungent smell • Noise coming from various types of equipment(i.e. cooling fans) • Compost bags, black sacks, laundry bags or gardening equipment let outside, usually in the rear of the premises 	<p>Forced Labour</p> <p>People working on farms or in factories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor or non existent safety equipment and workers do not have suitable clothing or protective wear • Workers live in overcrowded private rented accommodation. They may not know the address of where they live or work • Minibuses pick them up at unusual hours of the day or night • Bins at the accommodation are full of fast food packaging • Workers seem fearful and poorly integrated into the wider community • They have no days off or holiday • Employers or someone else is holding their passport and legal documents
<p>Forced Street Crime</p> <p>People begging in public places or on public transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals may show signs of abuse for example bruises, cuts or mutilation • They seem fearful of adults (especially law enforcers) or their behaviour is jumpy • One adult is the guardian of a large group of children • A large group of adult or child beggars are moved daily to different locations but return to the same location every night • On public transport they move as a group, such as walking up and down the length of a train or bus 	<p>Domestic Servitude</p> <p>People who live with a family, working as a domestic servant or nanny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person is rarely allowed out of the house alone • They are subject to abuse, insults, threats or violence • They have no private space or a proper place to sleep i.e. they may sleep on the sofa or in a study • They have a poor diet or are given the family's leftover food to eat • If they are a child, they may have poor attendance at school, no access to education and no time to play • The person does not interact much with the family