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A precedent has been set whereby some owners of nail bars within the beauty sector utilise modern day slaves. Victims are often Vietnamese women who have been brought into the UK by traffickers and forced to work long hours for little or no money, in plain sight of the public. Many of these seemingly legitimate businesses are used as a front for brothels, with many of the women being forced into prostitution in the evenings. Controllers often use threats, violence or coercion to control these women. Additionally, nail bars may be used to launder the proceeds of crime from cannabis farms, as well as for other illegal operations.

Whilst we have highlighted Vietnamese woman as notable victims, it is true to say that holistically victims of slavery in the beauty sector come from no specific background. Below are some suggested signs to spot but they may not apply in every situation:

- Be under the control and influence of others – sometimes are spoken for by a ‘controller’.
- Live in multi-occupancy accommodation, often work at the same address.
- Have no access or control of their passport or identity documents or have false paperwork.
- Work excessively long hours over long periods for low or no wages.
- Inadequate personal protection and ventilation (leading to exposure of chemicals).
- Have limited contact with their families or with people outside of their immediate environment.
- Many victims are moved from one premises to another to avoid detection.

REPORTING

You can provide information in your own language about slavery, labour exploitation and other crime types anonymously with the independent charity Crimestoppers by calling **0800 555 111** and report details online via **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**.

You can also report your suspicions of human trafficking, forced labour or worker exploitation and receive advice:

If you have any information about the mistreatment of workers or labour providers operating without a licence, you can contact Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) on **0800 432 0804** or **www.gla.gov.uk/report-issues**.

The UK Modern Slavery Helpline is available 24/7 to offer confidential advice and support regarding modern slavery suspicions or concerns. Call free on **08000 121 700** or contact us online at **www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report**.