

Do you recognise human trafficking?

Forced begging



Sofia sits at the supermarket entrance and asks passers-by for money. Her face still shows the bruises she got yesterday because she didn't get enough money. Not long now till they collect today's money. She desperately hopes it's enough this time.

Human trafficking is a serious violation of human rights, in which people are exploited. It can take many forms: sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, forced criminality, forced begging, and forced organ removal. Victims of human trafficking often do not realize that they are the victim of a crime.

You can help by being alert to possible human trafficking and reporting it. Below you will find signs that might indicate forced begging. Visit www.emm-online.nl for indicator cards on other forms of exploitation.

Signs of possible forced begging

There are several signs that someone may be a victim of forced begging. For example, if the person:

- ▶ is **forced to beg**
- ▶ begs **all day, every day**
- ▶ has to get a **minimum amount** per day
- ▶ has to **surrender** (some or all of) the money they get
- ▶ appears handicapped, pregnant, or **vulnerable** in some way
- ▶ has visible **injuries** (bruises, scars, cuts, or cigarette burns)
- ▶ is **physically disfigured**
- ▶ is **moved** around from place to place to **beg**
- ▶ is subjected to **aggression** and/or watched by others who remain close by
- ▶ has **no passport** or other ID-card/documents

What can you do?

Any of these signs, or a combination of them, may point to forced begging. If you have suspicions, please report them:

- Urgent? Call the police at **112**
- Less urgent? Call the police at **0900-8844** (ask for AVIM)
- Want to stay anonymous? Call M. (Meld Misdaad Anoniem) at **0800-7000**, or check www.meldmisdaadanoniem.nl

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