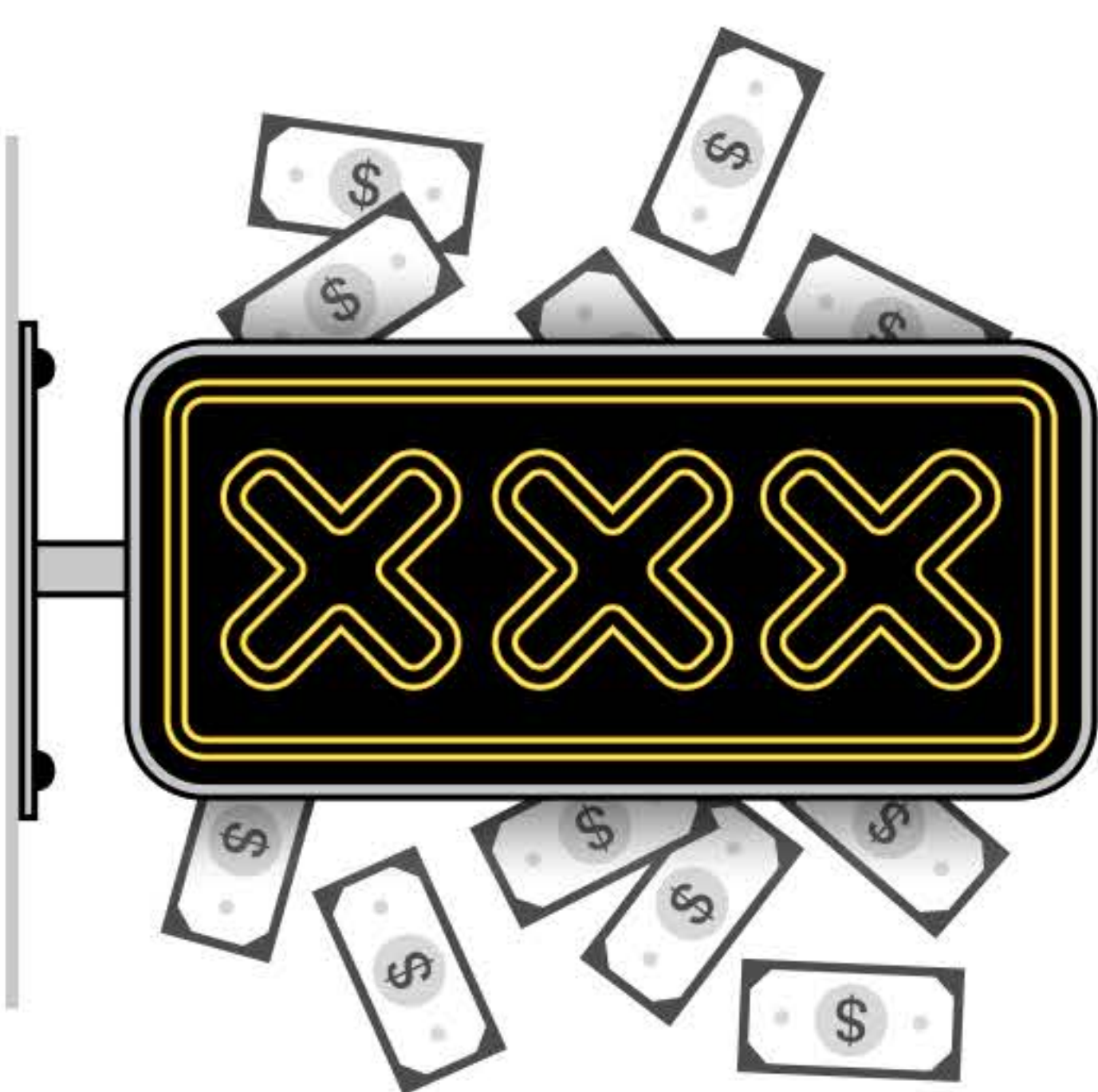


There are many forms of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is a crime that exists in every country in the world. It can happen to anyone and is thought to affect over **40.3 million** people - although because it is often hidden in plain sight, it is hard to know the full scale of the issue. Put simply, human trafficking can be defined as the **movement or recruitment of people by deception or coercion for the purpose of exploitation.**

Human trafficking falls under the umbrella of "Modern Slavery", a term which also includes forced marriage, debt bondage, forced labour and servitude. Many victims of human trafficking can feel powerless. Traffickers use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into abuse, servitude, and inhumane treatment.



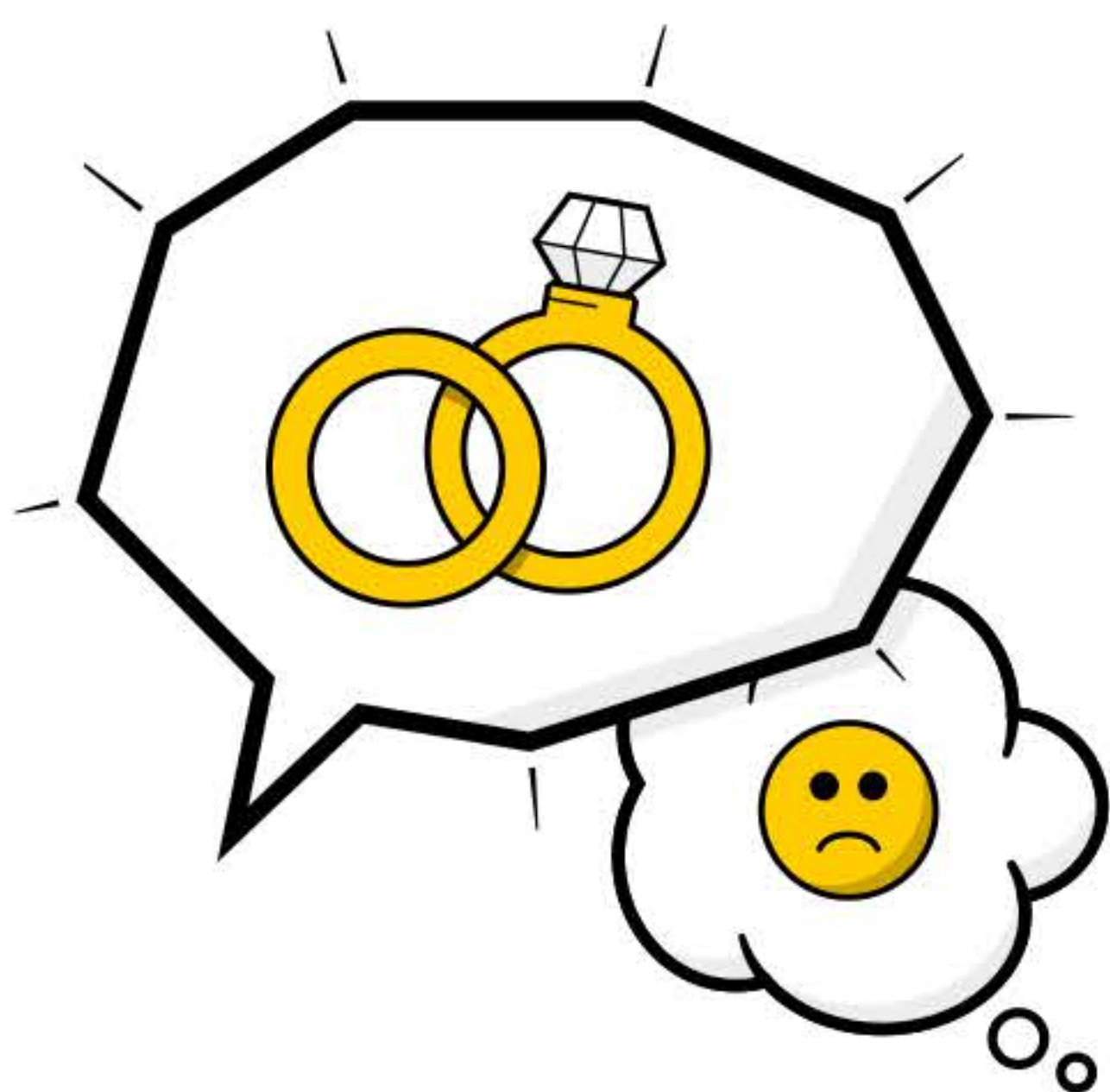
Sexual Exploitation

This is where someone is deceived, coerced or forced to take part in sexual activity that they don't want to do. It can be transactional but is always an abuse of power.



Domestic Servitude

A domestic worker who works within their employer's home can be exploited if there are restrictions on their movement, or they are forced to work long hours for little pay without breaks or holidays.



Forced Marriage

This is when a person is put under pressure to marry someone they do not want to. They may be experience psychological or physical abuse as part of this pressure. Those subjected have often never met their partner.



Forced Criminality

This is when somebody is forced to carry out criminal activity through coercion or deception. Forced criminality can take many forms, including forced begging pick-pocketing bag snatching, fraud, and the selling of counterfeit goods.



Drug Trade

Sometimes people are forced into working within the drug trade. This can range from cultivating cannabis to distributing and selling class A drugs across county lines.



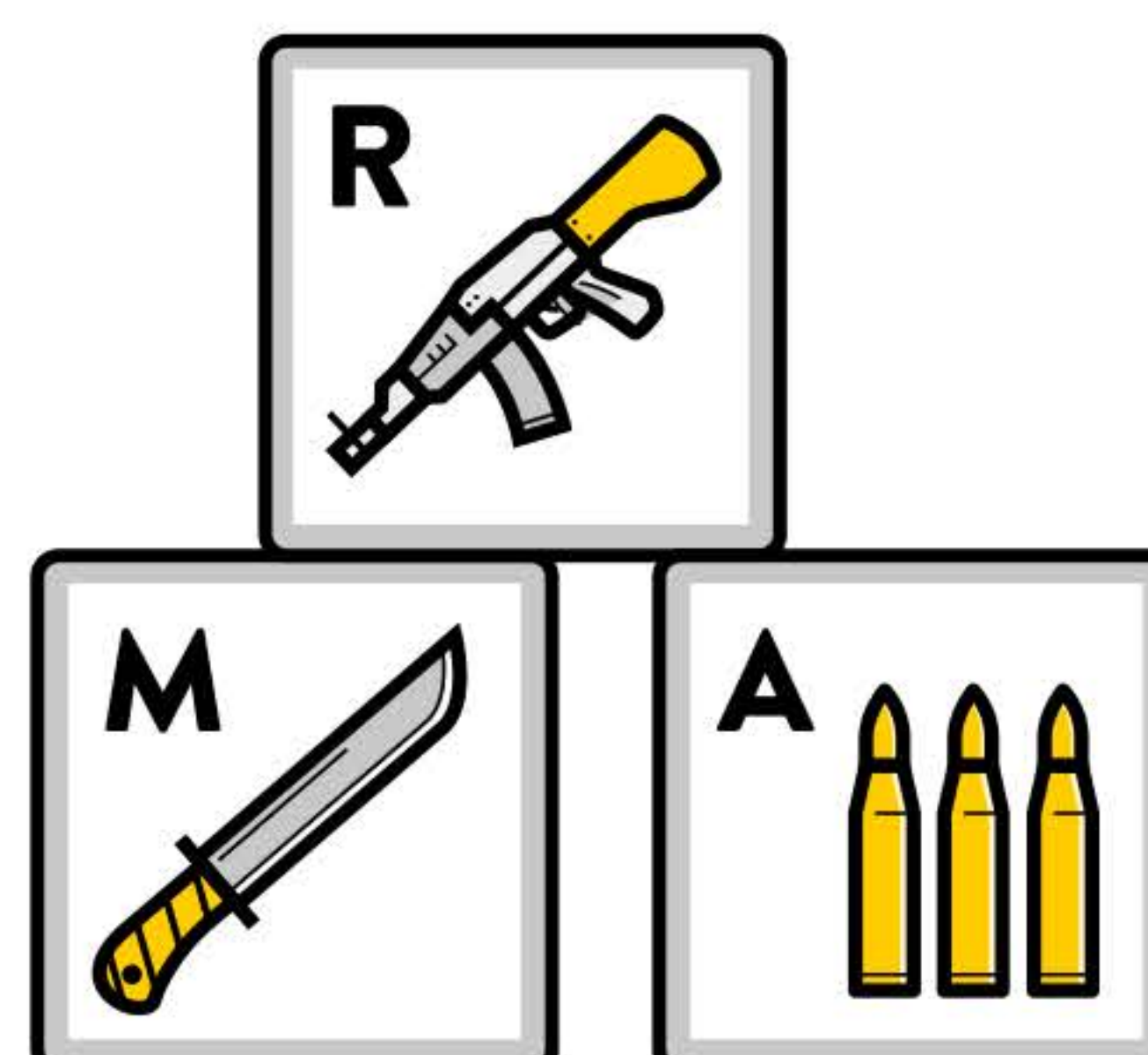
Labour Exploitation

This refers to situations where people are coerced to work for little or no pay, often under threat of punishment.



Organ Harvesting

The trafficking in organs involves removing a part of the body, commonly the kidneys and liver, to sell often as an illegal trade. These organs can be willingly taken, taken through coercion or deception, or by force.



Child Soldiers

These are children and young people, ranging from as young as four up to 18, who are used for any military purpose. Children may be used for frontline combat, or within auxiliary roles, such as informants or kitchen hands. Often, the children are also sexually abused.

How you can help to STOP THE TRAFFIK

While human trafficking is widespread, STOP THE TRAFFIK firmly believes in a solution - and we can all play a part.

1. Speak out if something doesn't feel right:

There are many forms that exploitation can take and knowing how to spot it can be difficult. There are lots of resources on our website to help you learn, and we have developed the **STOP APP** to help you **#SpotTheSigns** and to **anonymously report** any suspicious activity. Remember, knowledge is a powerful weapon!

2. Raise awareness by learning and talking:

The more we know about human trafficking and the more we share, the more light we shine on a criminal underworld that thrives in the darkness. There's lots of information on our website that goes into more detail on the different types of exploitation, how to spot the signs, and what you can do to help.

3. Fundraise for STOP THE TRAFFIK:

This is a fun way to help raise awareness and can be whatever activity you want. We are a charity who rely on funding from people like you to keep doing what we do. Know that every penny you raise will go towards creating a world where people are not bought and sold!

Can you help us?



If you suspect that someone is being coerced or exploited, or you are yourself a victim of human trafficking, call your nearest local authorities or support organisation.

In an emergency always dial 999.

In a non-emergency you can report an incident to:

Police helpline:
101
[police.uk/101](https://www.police.uk/101)

Crimestoppers:
0800 555 111
[crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

For advice if you suspect an incident:

Modern Slavery Helpline:
0800 0121 700
[modernslaveryhelpline.org](https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org)

Modern Slavery Human Trafficking Unit:
0844 778 2406
[nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk](https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk)

Survivor support (children)

Childline:
0800 1111
[childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

NSPCC:
0808 800 5000
[nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Survivor support (adults)

Salvation Army:
0300 303 81 51
[salvationarmy.org.uk](https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk)

Migrant Help:
07766 668 781
[migranthelpuk.org](https://www.migranthelpuk.org)