

Bookspeed's Anti-Slavery Policy

Bookspeed considers slavery and human trafficking to be a major problem in current global trading. Although we are not required to publish a statement under the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015, the Board and Senior Management of the company wish to do so to fulfil what it considers to be a moral and ethical duty along with other employment, financial and environmental responsibilities.

Bookspeed guarantees there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own commercial operation over its two warehouse and office sites in Edinburgh, Scotland. Additionally, its Ethical Policy in relation to its supply chain clearly states that there should be no slavery or exploitation involved at any stage of supply of goods or services to the company.

Internal Company Practice

Bookspeed recruits and directly employs all the staff who perform regular duties for the business, meaning we have direct access and control of all employment statuses and conditions. No labour outsourcing is used, which helps to ensure transparency and the robustness of our employees' conditions and welfare.

Checking for Anti-Slavery practice in Bookspeed's Supply Chain

A review in 2020 of the issues surrounding modern slavery and human trafficking revealed that the company is at zero risk from direct involvement and our trading relationships with reputable, established publishers reveal a similarly low risk of any slavery or use of trafficked labour in our supply chain. As book wholesalers we are only able to source our products directly from the originating publisher. UK publishing is dominated by a group of long-established companies who each provide A-S policies and demonstrate. An example of one of our suppliers' statements may be found by following this link: <https://www.penguin.co.uk/company/about-us.html>

Over 80% of the books we list and provide to our own customers are sourced from the large UK publishing houses. Our Publisher Relationship Manager, raises issues of Ethical practice, both Anti-Slavery and Environmental, in his regular reviews of our trading relationships.

Bookspeed's senior team acknowledges that a more robust, documented approach to ensuring a supply chain free from slavery needs to be enacted and plans to do so in late 2021/early 2022 with a committee established of one Board Member, Publisher Relationship Manager and Operations Director to investigate the feasibility of contractual agreements to ensure there is no slave or forced labour used in supply to us.

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