





IT CAN BE DIFFICULT
TO RECOGNISE IF
SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS
BEING EXPLOITED, OR IF
YOU'RE BEING EXPLOITED
YOURSELF.

YOU MAY BE WORRIED ABOUT A FRIEND BECAUSE:

- THEY'RE FRIENDS WITH OLDER ADULTS
- THEY HAVE AN OLDER BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND
- THEY STAY OUT LATE OR EVEN ALL NIGHT
- . THEY DON'T GO TO SCHOOL
- THEY USE DRUGS AND/OR
 ALCOHOL
- THEY'RE CHATTING TO PEOPLE ON-LINE WHO YOU OR THEY HAVE NEVER MET
- THEY'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND DON'T SEE THEIR FAMILY MUCH
- PEERS AT SCHOOL ARE PRESSURING THEM INTO SEXUAL ACTIVITY

WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION?

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS A FORM OF ABUSE IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TRICKED OR PRESSURED INTO TAKING PART IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY IN RETURN FOR SOMETHING - LIKE ATTENTION, LOVE, FOOD, SHELTER, CIGARETTES, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, GIFTS OR MONEY.

THE YOUNG PERSON MAY THINK SOMEONE IS THEIR FRIEND OR BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND BUT THAT PERSON COULD BE PHYSICALLY OR VERBALLY THREATENING AND VIOLENT TOWARDS THEM

THE PERSON MIGHT CONTROL AND MANIPULATE THEM WITHOUT THEM REALISING BY TRYING TO ISOLATE THEM FROM THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

THIS COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE, BOYS AND GIRLS.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR FRIENDS!

REMEMBER: THOSE UNDER 18
CANNOT LEGALLY CONSENT (AGREE)
TO THEIR OWN EXPLOITATION.

THIS MEANS THAT EVEN IF A CHILD SAYS YES, THE EXPLOITER IS STILL BREAKING THE LAW.

IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS HAPPENING TO YOU OR A FRIEND PLEASE SAY SOMETHING!

CALL CHILDLINE ANYTIME ON 0800 11 11 (CALLS ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL) OR SPEAK WITH A TEACHER, YOUTH WORKER, OR AN ADULT YOU TRUST.

IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY OR YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL THE POLICE ON 999

YOU CAN ALSO GET HELP FROM ..

CITY OF LONDON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TEAM ON: 0207 332 3621

HACKNEY CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE ON: 0208 356 5500

SAFER LONDON ON: 0207 021 0301

VISIT THE YOUNG HACKNEY WEBSITE: WWW.YOUNGHACKNEY.ORG

OR YOU CAN VISIT THE CITY & HACKNEY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD'S WEBSITE: WWW.CHSCB.ORG.UK





ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT EXPLOITATION?



#SAY SOMETHING

A LEAFLET FOR FRIENDS