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MATE CRIME

Easy Read Factsheet

Staying safe from people who pretend to be your friend.



People should treat you fairly and kindly.

If anyone treats you badly you must tell someone you trust.



Most friends really are friends.

They care about you and treat you fairly.



Some people might pretend to be your friend and treat you badly.



Mate Crime is when someone pretends to be your friend but treats you badly.

Mate Crime is against the law and the Police will help you stop it.



HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF MATE CRIME

Jack's friend borrows his mobile phone.

He uses up all the credit and never gives him any money back.



Sian's friend gives her a lift into town.

Town is only three miles away. She charges Sian £30 which is far too much money.



Gareth's social media friends pick on him.

They call him nasty names. They tell him he has to do what they say otherwise they won't be his friend.



Molly lives on her own in her flat.

Her friends are always coming round. They leave the flat messy and eat all of her food. They never bring anything.



Sam likes going out to the local skate park with his friends.

They sometimes kick and punch him for a laugh.



Dan gets paid on a Friday.

His friends come to see him on pay day. They all go to the pub. His friends get Dan to buy all the drinks.



What to do if any of your friends are treating you badly.

Tell someone you trust. Tell lots of people.

This could be your doctor, a family member (parent, brother, sister, grandparent) or a police officer.



Always report crime to the Police.

Phone 101 to talk to the Police.

Phone 999 in an emergency.



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