



Spot the signs of

# Child Sexual Exploitation

Children are often groomed into sexual acts through manipulation, blackmail, threats or coercion. The exploiter will create a relationship with the child, building trust and emotional connection to exploit and abuse them. Children may also be given items such as money, drugs or phones. They can be exploited online without ever meeting their exploiter. Knowing the signs can help to intervene early and keep children safe.

## Facts



- Children can be targeted from any location or background.
- Exploiters can be male, female, groups or individuals.
- Victims of CSE rarely disclose their abuse.
- Children of all genders are at risk.

## Spot the signs



- Frequently going missing from home or school.
- Being secretive.
- Physical signs of abuse.
- Changes in behaviour such as increased anxiety or distress.
- Unexplained absences from home or school.
- Anxiety or urgency around mobile phone use.
- Unexplained money, phones, or clothes etc.
- Drug or alcohol use.
- New friends or relationships that are the central focus for the child.
- Unexplained injuries or marks.

**Worried  
about your  
child?**

### Call the Police

If you think your child is in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the Police.

### Call Crimestoppers

If you want to make an anonymous report, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Contact Iverson Trust

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# Child Criminal Exploitation

Children are often groomed and forced into criminal activity acts through manipulation, blackmail, threats or coercion. This can include moving drugs, theft and deceptive crimes. Knowing the signs can help to intervene early and keep children safe.

## Facts



- Children of all genders are at risk.
- Children are being targeted in every area of the UK.
- Children tend to be living at home when the exploitation starts.

## Spot the signs



- Frequently going missing from home or school.
- Looking unwell after coming home or going missing.
- Being found with drugs, money, weapons or items linked to drug use.
- Being found in a different area.
- Increasingly disruptive and aggressive at home or school.
- Anxiety or urgency over mobile phone use.
- Unexplained money, phones, clothes, bikes or e-scooters.
- Increased interest in money.
- Evidence of bank accounts, transfers or cards in other people's names.
- New friends or relationships.
- Drug or alcohol use.

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