

# Get Safe

Connecting Services to Keep People Safe

## Are you worried about your child ?

**Have you seen a change in their behaviour or routines? Do they have unexplained money, clothing or gifts? Do you think they maybe being criminally exploited?**

### **What does criminal exploitation mean?**

This is when children are used by people, sometimes older or in gangs or groups, for criminal activity such as carrying or selling drugs/ weapons, running money, involved in robberies or hiding things.

When children are sent by others to commit crime that is of benefit to the person, gang or group, this is criminal exploitation and trafficking.

It is important to know you are not alone. There are many parents and carers in similar situations and there are things you can do:

- Speak to your child and tell them what you are worried about.
- Let them know they are not in trouble and that you are worried.
- If your child has missed a curfew time and you have exhausted all avenues to locate them, consider reporting them missing to the police.
- Where possible keep a record of any worrying activity as it will help find out what is happening.
- Be aware that there may be threats against you or your family that your child is worried about from those who are exploiting your child. Your child may believe they are protecting you.
- Look at the advice available to you and your family on the other side of this leaflet and seek help and support.

**TELL SOMEONE**

[www.tell-someone.org](http://www.tell-someone.org)

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**Anonymous - Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111**

**Concerned about a child or young person at  
immediate risk of harm Police 999**

**Contact Missing People line: 116 000  
24hours 7 days a week.**

**Missing people advice line: 02083925710  
free and confidential advice 10am – 6pm**

**Request for help and support  
via our family support service:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/requestfamilysupport](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/requestfamilysupport)**

**Refer your child/ young person to  
Children's Social care: 01905 822666**

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