

Easy Read Leaflet



Mate Crime



How to keep safe from people who pretend to be your friend



People should treat you kindly and fairly.



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

Most friends really are your friends.



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They care about you and treat you fairly.



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

When someone pretends to be your friend but treats you badly, this is called 'mate crime'



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

Here are some examples of mate crime.

John's friend borrows his mobile phone.



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

Susan's friend gives her a lift into town.



Town is only 3 miles away.

She charges Susan £30 which is far too much money.

Marco gets paid on a Friday.



His friends come to see him on pay day.

They all go to the pub. His friends get Marco to buy all the drinks.

Here are some examples of mate crime.

Tony's friends always 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.

Sammy 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.

**If any of your friends are treating you badly,
tell someone you trust**



A Care Worker or Social Worker



A Police Officer



Your Doctor or Nurse

This could be:

**North
Lincolnshire
Council**

www.northlincs.gov.uk

Any Council Building



An Advocate



A family member

**Always report a crime to the police, they will
help you to stay safe**



Phone 101 to talk to the police.

Phone 999 in an emergency.

You can also call with the North Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Team with this information on:

Tel: (01724) 297000

Email: adultprotectionteam@northlincs.gov.uk

You deserve to have friends who treat you with respect

Mate Crime is wrong



ABUSE IS WRONG!

YOU MUST ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE!

DO NOT IGNORE IT! REPORT IT!