

# Mate crime



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Staying safe  
from people who  
pretend to be  
your friend

## Easy Read Factsheet

No more  
bullying



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.

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 all the credit and never gives him any money back.

Susan's friend gives her a lift into town.



Town is only three miles away.

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

Giuseppe gets paid on a Friday.



His friends come to see him on pay day.

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

Samira 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.

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.

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



Tell someone you trust. Tell lots of people.

Report it to your local Safeguarding Unit.

They help to protect people from abuse.

- Bradford 01274 376116
- Calderdale 01422 337041
- Kirklees 01924 335073
- Leeds 01133 859590
- Wakefield 01924 878008

In an emergency phone 999 for the Police.



Always report crime to the Police.



Phone 101 to talk to the Police.  
Phone 999 in an emergency.

The Police will help you stay safe.

Go to the Safety Net Project website for more information.



The Safety Net Project is run by  
The Association For Real Change

The website has more Easy Read information  
as well as videos you can watch.



[www.arcuk.org.uk/safetynet](http://www.arcuk.org.uk/safetynet)

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