



Encouraging Potential | Inspiring Change



Different dangers,
same signs

We believe all young people who are exploited should be treated as victims. Too often these young people are treated as criminals who have chosen to get involved in criminal activity, and so do not receive the safeguarding and support they deserve.

Our experience tells us that victims of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) often display the same or similar characteristics and indicators as those who are victims of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), and those who go missing from home. Victims of CSE are often female, while victims of CCE are often male but this is not always the case.

Do you know the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) /Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)?

- Recurrent sexually transmitted infections.
- Skipping school.
- Staying out late or overnight.
- Unexplained gifts/new possessions.
- Drugs and alcohol misuse.
- Secretive behaviour.
- Youth offending behaviour.
- Inappropriate or sexualised behaviour.
- Friendship or relationships with older adults.
- Significant changes in mood or behaviour.
- Excessive time spent on social media or talking to 'friends' they haven't met
- Changes in appearance (clothes, hygiene etc.).
- Becoming withdrawn or isolated.
- Poor mental health/self-harm etc.



Worried about a child?

If you're worried about a young person, even if you're unsure, call NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**

To report a crime call Crime Stoppers on **0800 555 111**

If a young person is in immediate danger call the police on **999**.

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