

## Help us stop the sexual exploitation of children

Child Sexual Exploitation is a form of sexual abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 into sexual activity.

## **Know the signs**

These signs may indicate that a child is being groomed for sexual exploitation:

- o Going missing for periods of time or regularly returning home late
- Regularly missing school or not taking part in education
- Appearing with unexplained gifts or new possessions
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends
- o Drug and alcohol misuse
- Mood swings or changes in emotional wellbeing
- Displaying inappropriate sexualized behaviour

## What you can do

If you think a child or young person is being sexually exploited, or is at risk of being sexually exploited, contact Shropshire Council's Children's Services on 0345 6789021 and tell us your concerns.

You can also speak to the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the emergency services on 999.

For more information visit <a href="https://www.safeguardingshropshireschildren.org.uk/scb">www.safeguardingshropshireschildren.org.uk/scb</a>





