

mate crime



say no!

our project



Greengoose Performing Arts Company from Bromley College and Bromley Sparks easy read group worked together on a project about mate crime. We made

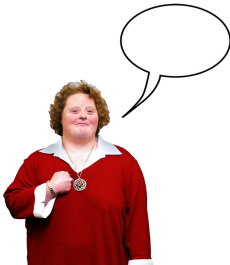
- a performance
- a DVD
- a leaflet

We want to make sure everyone knows about mate crime. We want to make it stop.

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what is mate crime?



mate crime is...



when someone you know hurts you

mate crime is...



pretending to be a good friend



using or taking
advantage of you

mate crime is...

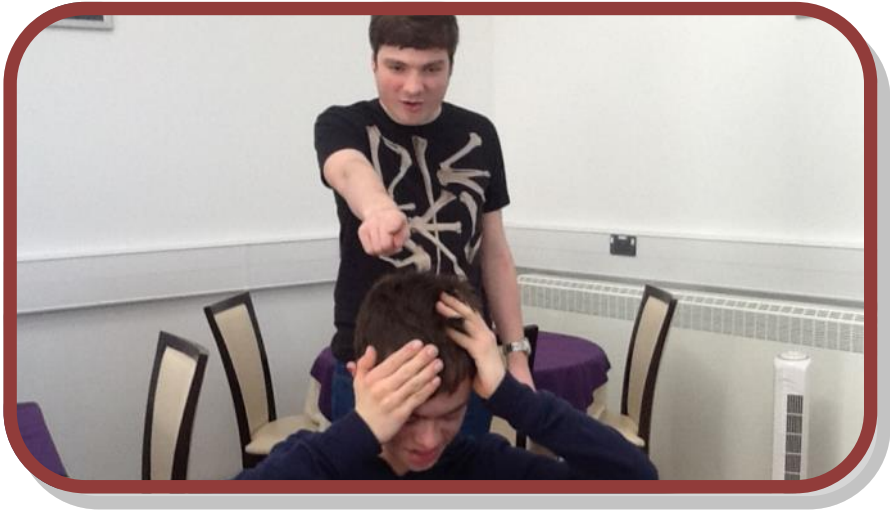


taking your money or your stuff



bullying you

mate crime is...



calling you names



saying bad things on your
phone or the internet

mate crime...



wrecks lives

who does it happen to?



Mate crime can happen to anyone.



It can happen if someone thinks you are vulnerable.

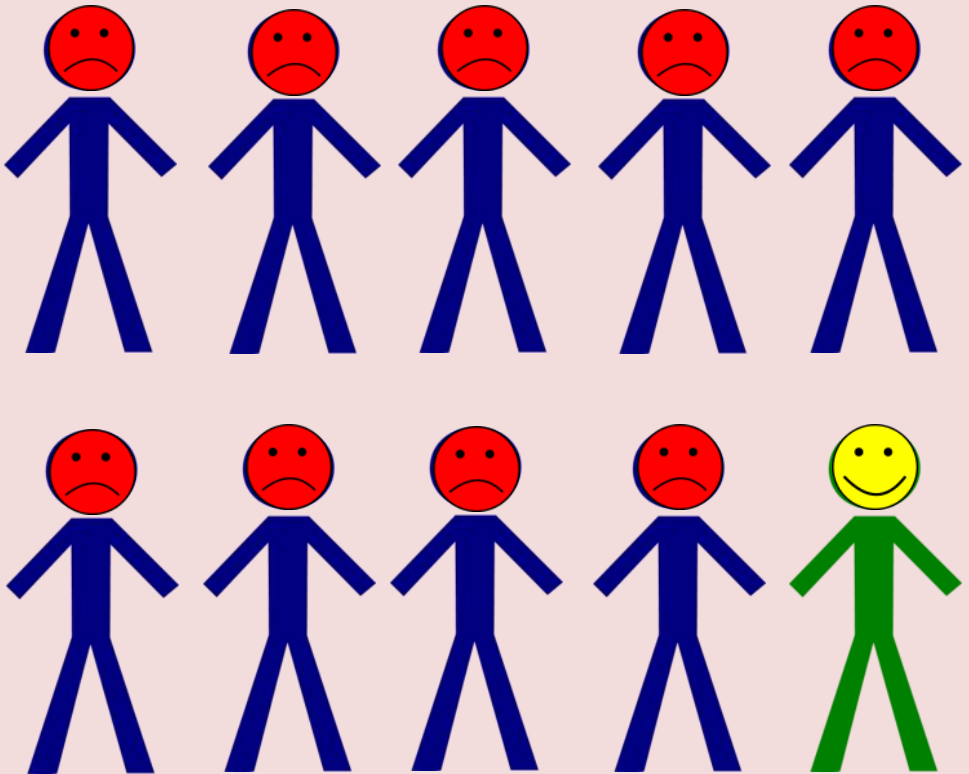
Vulnerable means easy to lie to, trick or hurt.



People can be vulnerable because

- they have a disability
- they have a mental illness
- they are old

9 out of 10 people with
a disability have been a
victim of bullying
or hate crime



who does mate crime?



People who do mate crime are people you think you can trust or people who pretend to be your friend. They are not real friends.

It could be

- someone at work
- a care worker or support worker
- someone at school or college
- someone you live with
- a family member
- someone else who pretends to be a friend



our stories



how mate crime makes us feel





Rose's story

There was a man who I used to travel on the bus with once or twice a week. We went to the same day centre. He started being friendly and then he started touching me in personal ways on the bus.

I didn't realise it was a crime until I went to the day centre and a worker started talking about mate crime. I told them about what happened to me. I realised it was mate crime and the worker informed the duty manager. The police got involved and it was taken to court.

The man was banned from coming near the day centre for 3 years. I wasn't happy about the judgement because I felt he should have been sent to prison. I wrote a letter about it, but it wasn't changed.

I still see him on the bus now but he doesn't come near me. If someone you know touches you in a personal way on the bus or anywhere it's mate crime. You have to report it to someone you trust.



Tom's story

I had a friend who went to the same club as me.

One day she said she was frightened to go home because she might be attacked. I asked her to come over to my house even though I lived in a bedsit.

She brought her friend who was evicted from her house. They both lived in my bedsit for months and refused to leave. Someone reported it to social services who came to the house and asked me questions but they didn't do anything about it. I feel I was let down by social services. One of the girls moved out but the other girl stayed longer. One day my brother in law came to visit me and saw her on my bed. He sent her packing.

I went for a safeguarding meeting with the council. They said what happened to me was mate crime. Mate crime is not easy to detect. A real friend will not treat you the way I was treated. It takes a long time to make a real friend.

keeping safe



tips for keeping safe



Do not trust someone you meet straight away. It takes a long time to make a good friend.



Only meet people in places where you feel safe



Do not give people your personal details on the internet



If a friend borrows some money, write down how much.

Write down when they will give it back to you.



Do not give your bank details to anyone

Remember...



If someone behaves badly to you or someone you know

Tell someone you trust!

ideas for groups



learn about mate crime
and share your experiences

do things together and
build up confidence



try role plays

- practise difficult situations
- practise saying no



training

- tell other people about mate crime
- tell the police why it needs to stop

it might be mate crime if



- they make you do something you do not feel good about



- they borrow things and do not give them back



- they say they are your friend but they do not behave like it



- they ask you for something again and again



- they tease you or call you names

tell someone about it



 <p>THE LONDON BOROUGH www.bromley.gov.uk</p>	<p>Bromley Social Services</p>	 020 8461 7777
	<p>Kent Association for the blind</p>	 020 8464 8406
 <p>www.deaf-access.co.uk</p>	<p>Deaf Access</p>	 020 8315 2550
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	<p>Citizens Advice Bureau Bromley</p>	 020 8315 1940
 <p>the relationship people</p>	<p>Relate</p>	 0300 003 3225
	<p>Victim Support</p>	 0845 303 0900

	<p>police</p>	<p>  999 in an emergency  101 </p>
	<p>Bromley College</p>	<p>  020 8295 7000 </p>
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