

If you witness anything that concerns you, have been the victim of such crime or know someone who has, then please contact police who will ensure you receive the right support.

Any victims who come forward can speak to us in confidence and will be given help in accessing support, whether they want to make a statement or not.

We have already received valuable information from the public that has helped to keep women and girls safe. We need this to continue. You are the eyes and ears in the community and can help stop this.

www.stop-cse.org/saysomething



**If you see
something,
say something.**

**Let us know on 101
or in an emergency call 999.**

TACKLING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Protecting and safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is our priority and at the heart of all we do. We take sexual exploitation extremely seriously and it is important we continue to work closely with communities and partners to tackle these issues.



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The work around sexual exploitation continues and in particular it is about everyone working together; the police, local authorities, businesses and all local communities to ensure those who may be vulnerable in some way are protected from anyone who seeks to take advantage of them by committing sexual crimes against them.

These crimes can range from those offenders who deliberately set out to target specific women and girls over a long period of time to those who commit such crimes when they come across someone in a vulnerable state as a result of being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or for other reasons.

Only by working together can we make our communities safe and we all have a part to play. It is the responsibility of everyone to be vigilant and identify such criminal behaviour and to contact police if they have any concerns. If you witness something that doesn't look right or feel right then we need to know about it.

We have had tremendous support from the public and we need this to continue. Only then can we stop such crimes and bring offenders to justice.

How does it affect you?

Taxis are a very safe and reliable way to get around the city and we want to keep it that way.

We know that some victims are transported in taxis to addresses where they are then sexually assaulted or raped. We also know that some men have posed as taxi drivers and picked up women who have then been assaulted or raped.

We need the help of all legitimate taxi drivers to help us stop this criminal behaviour. If you spot anything that appears suspicious or fits the description of what we are looking for please take action and contact police.



What to look out for:

- Females who appear to be in a vulnerable state due to excessive drink or drugs.
- Female passengers who are accompanied by a man when in this state and don't know where they are going.
- Passengers being dropped off at a location which causes you concern. Contact police immediately.
- Unlicensed vehicles hanging around areas where there are likely to be women in a vulnerable state looking for taxis to go home.

We are also encouraging passengers to take a photo of taxi licence plates of the vehicles they get into - reputable drivers have nothing to be worried about.

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