







# Exploiting a child into committing crime is abuse.

Children as young as 10 in Cumbria are being put in danger by criminals who are taking advantage of how vulnerable these young people are.

# IT'S NOT OK.

## Spot the signs

Criminal exploitation can be hard to spot at first, but the sooner you're able to talk to the young person the more you'll be able to help them.

-  Being involved in a criminal gang.
-  Frequently absent from and doing badly in school.
-  Going missing from home, staying out late and travelling for unexplained reasons.
-  In a relationship or hanging out with someone older than them.



## Worried? Get support

If you're worried a child or young person is being groomed for criminal exploitation or to join a gang, contact the NSPCC helpline immediately on **0808 800 5000** or go online at **nspcc.org.uk**.

If you're worried a child or young person is at risk of immediate harm, always call the police on **999**.

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