



Carrying a weapon



Skipping school or being disruptive in class



Having new friends or partners (who might be a lot older) and ignoring older friends



Having unexplained new gifts or money



Going missing for periods of time or regularly returning home late



Regularly getting sexually transmitted infections (STI's)



Secrecy around their phone and activities

SIGNS OF EXPLOITATION

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS MY FRIEND IS BEING SEXUALLY OR CRIMINALLY EXPLOITED?



Signs of unexplained physical harm, such as bruising and cigarette burns



Being shady about what they are up to, or alternatively boasting about a new gang, money or experiences



Using sex in exchange for something



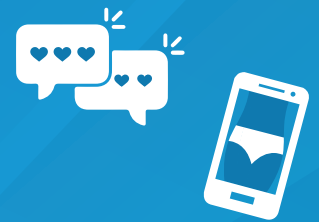
Having mood swings and changes in behaviour



Being worried about becoming pregnant, having the morning after pill or having abortions



Using drugs and alcohol or being hungover regularly



Behaving in a sexual way, such as over-familiarity with strangers, dressing in revealing clothes or sexting and sending nude photos

Some of these can just be signs of growing up, we all change as we grow up. However, if you spot several of these in your friend it might be worth speaking to them or a trusted adult about the situation.

IF SOMEONE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER CALL 999. LISTEN TO YOUR INSTINCT; TELL A TRUSTED ADULT OR CALL / TEXT 116000. (24/7, FREE, ANONYMOUS)

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