

Mate Crime



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A Mate Crime is a type of hate crime, done by someone you know and thought was a friend.

Do you know if your friend is a real friend? Or are they trying to trick you?

If a friend does some of the following, you may be a victim of mate crime:



Throws stones at your doors or windows



Shouts at you or calls you bad names



Sends you nasty messages



Threatens to hit you



Tells you to have a relationship or sexual touching with someone



Asks you to pay them for their help



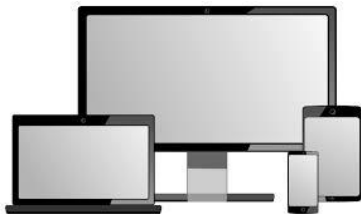
Takes your money or shopping



Uses the credit on your phone



Tells you to buy things for them



Asks to be your friend online when they are a stranger



Asks for your identity information

Things to help you stay safe:



Check the privacy settings on your social media or other online accounts



Don't tell people your personal or security information



Tell someone if you feel you are being tricked



Phone a helpline for advice



Talk to the Police about what is happening to you

Here are some contact details to get help:



Call **999** (in an emergency)

Call **101** (not an emergency)

or visit your local Police Station



If you do not want to give your name,
call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

Other useful contacts:



(online reporting)

To use the internet to report a crime,
go to **www.report-it.org.uk**



(Safe Places)

Visit a local place showing a **Safe Place** sticker