

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Know the signs....

Child Sexual Exploitation is an appalling crime and you can help us to stop it. We want to do everything we can to prevent children and young people becoming victims.

As part of our work preventing this crime, we are working to raise awareness amongst children and young people, their families and the wider community to ensure more people are aware of the warning signs.

We believe that local businesses can play a positive role in preventing child sexual exploitation. As a licence holder you have the power to help prevent child sexual exploitation at your business premises or workplace and have a vital role in identifying signs that sexual exploitation may be taking place. Please share information with us, anything you see that looks suspicious may be important.

By working together we can play a positive role in protecting children and local business.

To get more information about **CSE** and to support the **I Didn't Know** campaign, please visit:

essex.police.uk/cse

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If you see something suspicious report it to the Police - **ring 101**

If you are concerned about the immediate safety or welfare of a child or vulnerable person, or a crime is being committed, report it to the Police - **ring 999**

What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

REMEMBER:
If you see something
Say something

Sexual exploitation of children and young people involves girls and boys under the age of 18 who are encouraged or forced into a sexual relationship or situation by an adult. This often involves the young person being offered something, such as food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts or money, in return for them performing sexual acts or others performing acts on them.

How might this involve my licence or the business I work for?

As part of the grooming process, adults may meet young people or take them to places to develop a relationship of trust and make them feel special by giving them 'treats' such as meals or alcohol. A business could be misused for this kind of activity by the people using the business or people working there.

In addition to having a serious impact on the welfare and safety of children, there are a number of criminal offences associated with CSE. If it happens at, or is associated with your business or the business you work for, it may cause serious financial and reputational damage. There is also the possibility of action being taken against a licensed business where licence conditions include a responsibility to ensure the protection of young and vulnerable persons.

Young people can be groomed and sexually exploited at a variety of premises and locations such as:

- Pubs and nightclubs
- Local shops / off-licences
- Restaurants / takeaways
- Leisure centres
- Hotels
- Taxis
- Public spaces (parks)

What are the signs of CSE?

If you are a licence holder and own, or work for, a local business you may see suspicious activity. Such activity could include:

- a young girl or boy with a significantly older adults.
- a young or vulnerable person who appears to be under someone else's control or who is physically or emotionally distressed.
- a young person using overly sexualised language or behaviour.
- a child travelling alone or with unrelated adults.
- a group of people being picked up or dropped off at irregular hours from the same place.

What should I do?

As an individual licence holder you should:

1. Take Notice - of your customer's behaviour and routines and note suspicious activity.
2. Take Responsibility - report anything that you see or hear that is inappropriate or suspicious.
3. Trust your instinct - be confident that reporting something or someone is the right thing to do.

As a licensed business owner you should:

1. Identify and manage any risks in your workplace – consider if under 18s have access to your business and why.
2. Improve awareness of CSE and how to report it with your employees.
3. Use campaign material within your premises.
4. Enforce a zero tolerance policy of sexual exploitation of children.