









Introduction

This is one of the more commonly experienced forms of CSE for young people because perpetrators do not discriminate – social background, ethnicity, age and gender are irrelevant. The perpetrator first targets a young person based on their vulnerabilities and grooms them into a 'relationship'; the young person being of the belief that they are in a loving relationship. Once control and dominance are established by the perpetrator, the young person may then be forced or manipulated into having sex with friends of the perpetrator.

How to Help

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, or you have immediate concerns for the welfare of a child, call **"000"** or local police on **131 444.**

If your concern is about online child exploitation and abuse you can report directly to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation at

www.accce.gov.au/report

If you would prefer to report inconfidence visit Crime Stoppers at

www.crimestoppers.com.au or by phoning 1800 333 000.

24 hour support is also available for children and young people at Kids Helpline **1800 55 1800** or **kidshelpline.com.au**

ENSNARING

A young person meets an older person. He/she lavishes attention on her/him, buying clothes, jewellery, mobile credit. They begin a sexual relationship and/or close friendship and this person very quickly becomes the most important person in her/his life.

TOTAL DOMINANCE

The 'boyfriend' or 'friend' has created a 'willing victim.'
The young person may agree to have sex with another man or woman, often one of his/her 'friends'.

BOYFRIEND MODEL

CREATING DEPENDENCY

The 'boyfriend' or 'friend' gradually destroys ties to others, relinquishing friends and even rejecting family. She/he may also become physically isolated – being kept in a room or flat.



TAKING CONTROL

He/she now begins to control all aspects of her/his life – where she/he goes, who she/he sees, what she/he wears etc. The young person often becomes frightened but similar to other victims of abuse, feels it is own fault, feels guilty. The 'boyfriend' or 'friend' may grant small indulgences, such as soft drugs and alcohol which aids in undermining resistance.

