

WHAT TO DO

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.acce.gov.au/report

If you would prefer to report in-confidence 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



SAFE & SOUND



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This brochure provides information to identify signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and what you can do to help prevent CSE. Taxis and ride share services are frequently used to transport children and young people to and from locations where they are being sexually exploited.

WHAT IS CSE?

The United Nations says...

“Child sexual exploitation is the abuse of a child where some form of remuneration is involved whereby the perpetrators benefit – monetarily, socially, politically, etc. Exploitation constitutes a form of coercion and violence, detrimental to the child’s physical and mental health, development, and education.”

United Nations, 2015

Exploitation of children is a crime that can affect any child, anytime, anywhere, regardless of their social or ethnic background.

CSE can be carried out by individuals, by organised gangs or groups of adults.

It is important to note that exploited children are usually too scared and/or ashamed to ask for help themselves.

WHERE DOES IT HAPPEN?

Young people can be groomed and sexually exploited at a variety of premises and locations such as: Parks, shopping centres, taxi ranks, bus stops, bars, clubs, restaurants, take-always, gyms, hotels, hostels, Airbnb and online.

POTENTIAL INDICATORS



Young passengers travelling who appear to be under the influence of alcohol/drugs



Adults travelling with young passengers who are under the influence of alcohol/drugs



Adults travelling with young passengers, who are expressing overtly sexualised behaviours towards them



Regular adult travellers who travel with young people to and from addresses



Young passengers who appear unfamiliar with the area/destination they are travelling to



Young passengers who have their fares paid for by adults, who are not travelling with them



Young passengers travelling during school hours or late at night



Young passengers appearing with identifiable injuries or presenting as injured



Young passengers who maybe in receipt of excessive text messages, phone calls and/or video calling during the fare



Vehicles located near taxi ranks and outside premises/locations



Transporting young people to and from hotels/motels/house parties on a regular basis



Transporting young people to Emergency Departments/hospital without parents/carers present



Transporting young people regularly, unaccompanied



Young people appearing disorientated, lost or fearful, travelling in the company of adults



Young people travelling in the company of adults who appear to be controlling and intimidating towards them



Conversations of concern occurring between adults and young people travelling together