



MATE CRIME

How to stay safe from people
who *pretend* to be your friend





People should treat you fairly and kindly.

If anyone treats you badly you must tell someone you trust.

Most friends really are friends.

They care about you and treat you fairly.



Some people might *pretend* to be your friend and treat you badly.





When someone *pretends* to be your friend but treats you badly this is called **Mate Crime.**

Mate Crime is against the law and the Police will help you stop it.

Here are some examples of Mate Crime...

Alim's friend borrows his mobile phone. He uses up all the credit and never gives him any money back.



Matthew's friend gives him a lift to town. Town is only three miles away. He charges Matthew £30 which is far too much money.

Ffion gets paid on a Friday. Her friends come to see her on pay day. They all go to the pub. Her friends get Ffion to buy all the drinks.





Samira lives on her own in a flat. Her friends are always coming round. They leave the flat messy and eat all her food. They never bring anything.

Ben's friends always pick on him. They call him nasty names. They tell him he has to do what they say otherwise they won't be his friend.



What to do if any of your friends are treating you badly...

Tell someone you trust.
Tell lots of people.



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