

Safeguarding Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the Sandwell College, Safeguarding Newsletter.

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<http://www.sandwell.ac.uk/about/safeguarding/>

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Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Child sexual exploitation is a hidden crime. Young people often trust their abuser and don't understand that they are being abused. They may depend on their abuser or be too scared to tell anyone what is happening.

Which children are affected?

Sexual exploitation can happen to any young person – whatever their background, age, gender, race or sexuality or wherever they live. Risk factors include:

- a history of abuse, particularly sexual abuse
- recent bereavement or loss
- homelessness
- low self-esteem or self-confidence
- being a young carer
- being in or leaving care
- links to a gang(s) through relatives, peers or intimate relationships

What are the signs of a child or young person who is being groomed or sexually exploited?

The signs of child sexual exploitation include the child or young person:

- going missing for periods of time or regularly returning home late
- skipping school or being disruptive in class
- appearing with unexplained gifts or possessions that can't be accounted for
- experiencing health problems that may indicate a sexually transmitted infection
- having mood swings and changes in temperament
- using drugs and/or alcohol
- displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour. Such as over-familiarity with strangers, dressing in a sexualised manner or sending sexualised images by mobile phone (sexting)
- unexplained physical harm, such as bruising and cigarette burns.

If you suspect that a child or young person may be a victim of sexual exploitation, please see a member of the college's safeguarding team immediately.



'Three Girls'
BBC One

Three part drama based on the true story of grooming & sexual abuse in Rochdale

Is It Bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

When someone does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once that's...

RUDE

When someone does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once that's...

MEAN

When someone does something intentionally hurtful and they KEEP doing it – even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's...

BULLYING

SAY  TO BULLYING

RUN, HIDE, TELL.

Recent events around the world remind us all of the terrorist threat we face, which in the UK is considered as 'CRITICAL', meaning an attack is highly likely. Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public, but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.

IN THE RARE EVENT OF A FIREARMS OR WEAPONS ATTACK

RUN – to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go then...

HIDE – it's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...

TELL – the police by calling 999.

 **RUN**  **HIDE**  **TELL**

'Silent Solution'...Silent Cry For Help

This is the secret way to communicate if you call 999 but are in too much danger to talk.

When you call 999, an operator asks which service you require. If you remain silent and it's an emergency, you'll be asked to cough or make some other audible sound without speaking.

But what are you supposed to do if making any noise at all might alert an attacker to your presence and so you need to remain silent?

The answer is to dial

'55'

Otherwise the call will be ended.



Recommended Apps

Hollie Guard

Hollie Guard turns your smartphone into an advanced personal safety device at the touch of a button.

In danger? A simple shake or tap activates Hollie Guard. Your location, along with audio/video evidence, is automatically sent to Hollie Guards monitoring centre. A second shake sends out a high pitched alarm and the flash starts to strobe, in order to attract maximum attention. Visit <http://hollieguard.com/> for more information.

Circle of 6

Circle of 6 is for everyone.

It's a fast, easy-to-use and private. Originally designed for college students to prevent sexual violence, we also know it's handy for teenagers, parents, friends or all communities seeking to foster healthy relationships and safety.

Need help getting home? Need an interruption? Two taps lets your circle know where you are and how they can help. Circle of 6 app for iPhone and Android makes it quick and easy to reach the 6 people you choose.

It's the mobile way to look out for each other on campus or when you're out for the night. A simple tool to prevent violence before it happens. Visit <https://www.circleof6app.com/> for more information.

Citizen AID

The citizen AID app will reduce the anxiety from difficult decision making in an unfamiliar situation. Follow the logical steps to do the right things in the right order.

Many people across the UK have prepared themselves to know what to do when someone collapses with a heart attack. But being able to act effectively after serious injury from bomb blast, gunshot and stabbing required different knowledge and skills. Quick actions in these situations, particularly to stop bleeding, will save lives.

'Stay safe and help us...to help you...to save lives.'

Visit <http://citizenaid.org/> for more information.

