

**Children and vulnerable adults are
being exploited by criminals
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and money (county lines) or commit
other crimes
Sometimes they are used for sex
We need your help to stop it**

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**If you or your colleagues are
suspicious, contact us**



**Customers
collected
and quickly
returned to the
same location**



**Dropping off or
picking up young
people from the
homes of known
vulnerable people
or drug users?**



**Taxis collecting
and dropping off
children or young
people reported
to be under the
influence of
alcohol or drugs**



**Taxis booked
for lone
children/young
people from
outside the
local area**



**Taxis booked to take children
or young people to a hotel or
other venue to meet adults
who do not seem to be family
members**



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What is exploitation?

Children and vulnerable adults are being used by criminal gangs across the country. Sometimes they are forced to courier drugs and money (county lines) or commit other kinds of crime. Gangs can take over a vulnerable person's home to allow them sell drugs (this is known as cuckooing)

Sometimes vulnerable children and adults are exploited for sex. Sometimes they are forced to work long hours without pay, breaks, or safety equipment. This is one kind of modern slavery

There are many kinds of exploitation – but they all have a terrible impact on victims and their families

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They may use taxi companies to deliver to customers or to traffick children and vulnerable adults

What are the signs to look for?

- Lone children/young people from outside the local area
- Individuals with multiple mobile phones or tablets
- Young people with more money, expensive clothing, accessories than they can account for
- Children or young people who take a taxi to a hotel or other venue to meet adults who do not seem to be family members
- Children or young people who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Do you drop off/pick up young people from the homes of known vulnerable people or drug users?
- Do you collect a customer from one location and return them to the same place, or do they meet a person or group before returning to the vehicle?

What can you do?

Ask yourself, has any unusual behaviour made you suspicious or do you suspect criminals are using your taxi services?

Contact Details

You can report suspicious activity in the following ways:

Email 101@dc.police.uk

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Remember, if someone is in immediate danger, always call 999

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