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Project Ten

Introduction

This booklet is about you and for you. Project Ten is a series of sessions which teach you about your rights and responsibilities.

When you were much younger, you were cared for by your parents or carers. As you grow older, you may be noticing that more is expected of you. This is true for everyone. We all live in communities of families and individuals. In order for us all to be happy and safe, communities need rules. The rules are made by the government as laws. Laws are there for everyone to understand what is right and wrong, how to respect each other, and how we should behave. We all need each other to make our communities work for everyone. You can help yourself and those around you by knowing the law and supporting the Police.





Ten things you need to know about your legal rights and responsibilities.

1. You can be the victim of a crime at any age, this includes unborn children, babies, children, and young people. There are times when you might not know or feel like you are a victim of a crime, when others groom or trick you. The Police are there to help you and all of us.
2. Everyone needs to be safe at home. If you or someone living with you, doesn't feel safe, or feels controlled, or is being made to do things they don't want to do, this is domestic abuse. You all need help.
3. If anyone is hurting you physically, sexually, or emotionally, they are abusing you, even if it is someone you know or love, it is still abuse. You have a right to be safe. This includes being safe from sexting, online abuse, cyber-bullying, sexual/drug exploitation.
4. Any abuse and attacks on people are illegal, those which are racist, homophobic, about their faith, or their disabilities, are hate crimes. You have a right to be you, without fear.
5. Ten years is the age when you are held to be responsible in law for what you say and do. If you break the law, you risk getting a criminal record, which will affect your opportunities in life in the future.
6. We all need to control ourselves. If you damage buildings, or cars, or the environment, or take risks, you will be seen as responsible for what you have done, it will be reported, and you may be charged, by the Police.
7. Taking anything that doesn't belong to you, without the owner's permission, is stealing. Stealing is a crime.
8. **The laws for the sale and use of alcohol and drugs keep us all healthy and safe. Using, transporting, and selling drugs and legal highs, are dangerous for you and for those around you. The misuse of alcohol and drugs destroys lives: your life, your family's life, and the lives of people in the community who may be affected.**
9. It is illegal to carry and threaten people with a knife or a weapon. Knives and weapons kill people.
10. We all need each other. You can help yourself and those around you by knowing the law and supporting the Police. If a crime is happening, or you or someone is being hurt, call 999 for immediate help or 101 to report it.





Lesson 8: What is child crime exploitation?

Why are there restrictions on who can buy and drink alcohol?

Why are drugs illegal?

In this lesson we will find out



- How drugs gangs befriend children and groom them into doing things they don't want to do or that is illegal
- How children can end up getting involved in selling drugs

Definition: **Child Crime Exploitation**



A child has been groomed – persuaded by an older child or adult – to do things they do not want to do, or that are illegal. They may be told they “owe” the adult, or they are being blackmailed or threatened



What does the law say?

Children who have been exploited by drugs gangs,
are victims and not criminals

Let's
discuss
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What might Mia and Jay have done differently?

How might Mia and Jay get out of this situation now?





Project 10 Session 8 Jay and Mia story

Mia is 11. She is doing well in Year 6 and is looking forward to going to secondary school next year

Mia loves music and dance. She used to be in a street dance crew, but after her Mum lost a good job, they could not afford for her to carry on

Mia's best friend is Jay. He also loves street dance and Fortnite.

Jay lives with his Nan and Grandpa. Money is tight as they only have their pension to live off.

Mia's Dad lives in Bristol. She likes going to see him once a month. He has a new girlfriend and baby, who is really cute. He sends money down when he can, but it is harder now with the new baby

Mia's Mum works two jobs to try to pay the rent and bills. The rent has gone up recently. She is a cleaner in some nearby offices and works 3pm until 11pm 5 days a week and then does two shifts in the pub from 2pm until late at the weekends.

Mia and Jay make up dance routines to music on her phone. She likes Grime. Jay listens to Drill. She does not always understand the words, but she likes the glamour and the shoes. Jay loves the cars. He dreams of driving one some day.

Mia would like to have more expensive trainers. She wants to make dance videos to put online and wants to look good in them

Mia's older sister Katelyn was going to a party with some friends. One of them was a guy called Drew, from Reading. Mia thought his clothes and trainers were amazing –he looked really good. He was about 17 years old

Drew was really friendly with Mia and Jay. He showed them dance videos and watched one of their routines. He said it was really good.

Drew messaged Mia on Snapchat and Instagram





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Drew said it was really good that Mia was working hard at school. She had to keep doing that. It was important

Over the next few weeks, Drew and Mia had lots of chats about how he would help her and Jay make a really good music video.

Drew shared pictures with Jay and Mia of other children their age and a little bit older in houses wearing great clothes and with knives and drugs. It all looked very glamorous. They followed them on Snap Chat and they told her how great it was to make loads of money doing jobs for Drew and his friends

Drew told Jay and Mia that he would get them new trainers if they did a job for him

Drew told Mia that there was part of the job that only she could do, because she would attract less attention

Drew and a man called Leyton (he was 22 years old) turned up at Mia's house last Saturday with a package.

Leyton told Mia and Jay they had to get the train to Swindon. Mia then had to go on her own to meet a girl called Amelie outside a house about 5 minutes from the station. He would buy the trainers when she had done it

Mia and Jay went to Swindon. But as Mia was walking from the station to the house, she was jumped on by two boys. They stole the package

Leyton was furious that the package had been stolen. He said it had £500 in it. He threatened Mia and Jay. He said he would tell their Mum's and smash up their houses

Drew told Mia and Jay that they would have to work for Leyton now to pay back the £500

Drew told them to meet him at a house in Oxford at 8pm the next day





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At the house, Drew got a phone call. He sent Mia with a wrap of drugs to the bus stop 5 minutes' walk away

Drew sold £1000 worth of drugs that night

At the bus stop, a man came up to Mia to buy the wrap of drugs

Drew got another call. This time he sent Jay out with a wrap of drugs to sell to the next person

Mia and Jay went out 17 times between them that night

Mia and Jay were paid £10 each for their work that night

Mia got a call from Leyton. He told her they still owed him money

Drew told them both to meet him in a different house in Oxford next Saturday at 3pm.

Drew gave them both a new pair of expensive trainers

Jay got sent a picture of his Nan and Grandpa out shopping. The message said they would get beaten up, if either of them stopped working for Drew.

