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What is Mate Crime?



Mate Crime is when a person **pretends** to be your friend but then takes advantage of you. Mate Crime can happen to anyone.



People might see you as an easy target because of your disability, and this is why they think they can do these things and get away with it.



The person might be a stranger, a family member, work colleague, neighbour, or a boyfriend or girlfriend.



Here are some examples of Mate Crime:



 Your 'friend' might start taking your money or your things.



 Your 'friend' might ask to borrow money and not pay it back.



- Your 'friend' might invite groups of people back to your house, even though you don't want them to.
- Your 'friend' might borrow your mobile phone and use up all your credit.