

# What is Mate Crime?

	<p>Mate Crime is when a person <b>pretends</b> to be your friend but then takes advantage of you. Mate Crime can happen to anyone.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>The person might be a stranger, a family member, work colleague, neighbour, or a boyfriend or girlfriend.</p>
	<p>Here are some examples of Mate Crime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 'friend' might start taking your money or your things.</li> <li>• Your 'friend' might ask to borrow money and not pay it back.</li> <li>• Your 'friend' might invite groups of people back to your house, even though you don't want them to.</li> <li>• Your 'friend' might borrow your mobile phone and use up all your credit.</li> </ul>