



Be aware of

Mate Crime



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What is Mate Crime?

Mate crime occurs when a person is harmed or taken advantage of by someone they thought was their friend. Mate Crime can become a very serious form of abuse. In some cases victims of Mate Crime have been badly harmed or even killed. Surveys indicate that people with disabilities can often become the targets of this form of exploitation.

There are different types of mate crime

- **Theft/financial abuse** - The abuser might demand or ask to be lent money and then not pay it back. The perpetrator might misuse the property of the vulnerable adult.
- **Physical assault/abuse** - The abuser might hurt or injure the vulnerable adult.
- **Harassment or emotional abuse** - The abuser might manipulate, mis-lead and make the person feel worthless.
- **Sexual assault/abuse** - The abuser might harm or take advantage of the person sexually.

What to do if you think you or someone you know is a victim of Mate Crime?

Contact the police or Hampshire County Council Adult Services on: 0300 555 1386. If you would like advice about Mate Crime call the Hampshire County Council Safeguarding Helpline: 01962 847214 or [email: adult.safeguarding.unit@hants.gov.uk](mailto:adult.safeguarding.unit@hants.gov.uk)