

A GUIDE FOR TAXI DRIVERS

What can make young people vulnerable to exploitation?

POVERTY

Families struggling to make ends meet. Children feel they have not got what their friends have got and so accept these as gifts.



DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE

Child or parent might be on drugs and alcohol so it is easy to manipulate them.

HAVING BEEN ABUSED IN THE PAST

It can go around in a cycle that if you have already been abused you get drawn to more abuse.



PEER PRESSURE

Children want to fit in and be accepted and could get pressurised into doing things they might not normally do.

INTERNET/SOCIAL MEDIA

We allow our children online and we are sometimes naïve to what they are up to or who they are talking to.



THEIR AGE

Teenagers are vulnerable because of hormones, their sense of invincibility, their idea of risk.

Children are not consenting and it is not their fault

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A circular portrait of a smiling woman with short brown hair, wearing a red sweater and patterned pants, sitting in a chair and gesturing with her hands. The image is set against a light blue background.

Different cultures have different perceptions of girls and women which might affect their safety. They might not have the language to communicate or understand legally what is allowed.

Where people live can influence what happens to them, if they are seeing gangs and drugs they could be pulled in to doing the same.



Children should be at school, if they are not they are out and about and that is where an abuser can find them and pull them into abuse.

More and more people are finding themselves homeless because of life circumstance or if they are not happy at home.



Children in the care system are already vulnerable as they are being looked after, they can be easily pulled in by an abuser pretending to be a friend.

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