

earn loads of easy money

free stuff

mobile phone

friends that look out for you

parties

stay out late

no qualifications needed

an older girlfriend  
or boyfriend

under 18s welcome

travel

**BUT IS IT TOO GOOD  
TO BE TRUE?**

Easy money and gifts at first, to hook you in.

Encouraged to cause a disturbance, steal,

carry a knife.

Trapped by debt, threats,

violence

and sexual assault (that may be filmed).

Told where to go any time of the day or night.

(in body cavities)

Transporting<sup>^</sup>and selling

crack cocaine and other drugs, miles from home.

Family and friends are threatened.

Cut off from everyone who cares.

High risk of prison, homelessness, suicide.

**CHILD EXPLOITATION  
IS A FORM OF  
MODERN SLAVERY.**

## THE GROOMING PROCESS

### TARGET

Perpetrators target children in parks, outside schools and shops and on social media. They could be a stranger or someone you know.



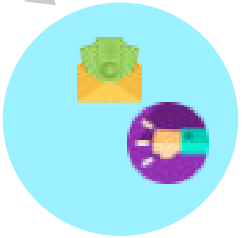
### TEST

You are welcomed into a group and offered things for free such as sweets or cannabis. Then they ask you to carry a package or look after some money.



### HOOK

You are paid well and the work is exciting. Then you are robbed, threatened or attacked, you turn to the group for support but the support vanishes.



### TRAP

You must pay back the group by delivering more drugs. You are transported to other towns and you are hurt, scared and trapped.



## STAYING SAFE

- ✓ Be aware of the signs of grooming.
- ✓ Be suspicious of unexpected interest from older children and young adults.
- ✓ Be suspicious of gifts.
- ✓ Take care on social media.
- ✓ Have excuses ready just in case you are approached:
  - ✓ "I've got to go, my dad is coming to meet me."
  - ✓ "I'm going to my nan's now."
- ✓ If you don't feel safe go somewhere where there are safe adults eg home, school, shop. Tell a trusted adult.
- ✓ Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



# ILLEGAL DRUGS

## Fake news vs facts

### CANNABIS (weed, skunk, grass, pot dope)

#### **FAKE NEWS**

“Harmless and legal. Everyone takes it!”

#### **FACTS**

Causes depression and anxiety. Used by criminals to groom children. Illegal.

### SYNTHETIC CANNABIS (spice)

Fake news: “Harmless and legal, like cannabis.”

Facts: Stronger than cannabis, causes aggression, paranoia and mental health problems. Illegal.

### KETAMINE (K, ket)

Fake news: “It’s a laugh, won’t harm you.”

Facts: Causes bladder damage, incontinence and death. Illegal.

### COCAINE (power, snow, crack, coke, blow)

Fake news: “Harmless, fun, everyone takes it, safer than alcohol.”

Facts: VERY addictive, causes heart attack, fit, paranoia, anxiety. Illegal.

### ECSTASY (pills, molly, MDMA)

Fake news: “A harmless party drug.”

Facts: problems with sleep and concentration, depression, heart disease. Illegal.

