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Keeping you safe from abuse

Cuckooing

This booklet has information about cuckooing

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You can find Easy Read documents on keeping safe from abuse on the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board website.
www.surreysab.org.uk/resources/

You can read this booklet alone or with someone to support you.

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What is cuckooing?

Cuckooing is when a person or group of people take over a vulnerable person's house.

They may do things that are illegal in the house.

The person who's house it is may not be able to stop them.

What might happen?

They may pretend to be friends with the victim.

They may lie to the victim to make them trust them.

They may threaten the victim.

They may invite their friends to the victim's house without their permission.

Once they have control of the victim's house, they may try to commit crimes in the house.

What might happen?

They may sell drugs from the house.

They may steal the victim's food or things from the house.

They may grow or make drugs in the house.

They may do unwanted sexual things in the victim's house.

They may hide drugs or weapons in the house.

Important points

They are not the victim's friend.

The victim could end up getting into trouble.

Being the victim of cuckooing is not the victim's fault.

Support and information

You can get support and information from Catalyst:
www.catalystsupport.org.uk/services/specialist-outreach/surrey-cuckooing/

Phone: 07584 689 517 or 07776 137 237

What to do about cuckooing

If you or someone you know might be a victim of cuckooing, tell someone you trust.

You can tell Surrey County Council safeguarding.

You can tell the Police.

It is the job of the Police and other professionals to stop cuckooing.

They may need to share information with each other to keep you safe. There may be a Section 42 Enquiry (see separate booklet).

Who to tell

If you aren't sure or are too nervous to call anyone, **tell someone you trust.**

In an emergency
Dial 999 for the police.
If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have you call transferred to the police.

Crimestoppers
Phone: 0800 555 111
Leave your name so you can be contacted.

Contact Surrey County Council

You can ask for this information in an alternative format or language.

Telephone: 0300 200 1005

Email:
asc.infoandadvice@surreycc.gov.uk

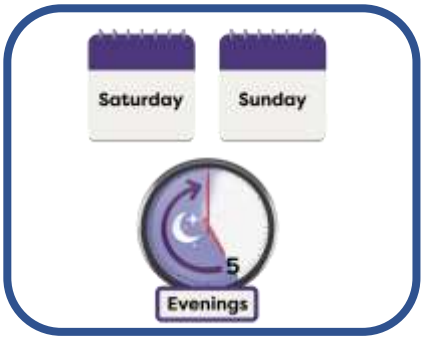
Contact us

Textphone (via Relay UK): 18001 0300 200 1005

Text (SMS): 07527 182 861 (for deaf or hard of hearing community)

British Sign Language:
www.surreycc.gov.uk/bsl

Reporting abuse online:
www.surreycc.gov.uk/adultatrisk



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