

What is Sexual Exploitation?

Sexual exploitation is when a youth, under the age of 18, exchanges a sexual act for **anything**.

Sexual exploitation can affect *any* young person, regardless of their age, ability, ethnicity, gender, religion, income, geographic locations, or sexual orientations. Exploited youth may exchange a sexual act for items, such as money, drugs and alcohol, love, protection, acceptance, or popularity.

THINK BEFORE YOU SEXT. The sending of naked pictures could be considered the spreading of child sexual abuse images (or child pornography) and is illegal in Canada.

Five Warning Signs of Recruitment

- 1. Age Difference
- 2. Gifting
- 3. Lifestyle Changes
- 4. Isolation
- 5. Gut Feeling







THE AVERAGE AGE
WHEN YOUTH ARE FIRST
EXPLOITED IN CANADA IS
BETWEEN **12-14** YEARS
OLD.

RESOURCES

Children of the Street Society

P: 604.777.7510

Toll Free: 1.877.551.6611

W: www.childrenofthestreet.com E: info@childrenofthestreet.com

A: 208-1130 Austin Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C., V3K 3P5

Crime Stoppers

P: 1.800.222.8477

W: www.bccrimestoppers.com

Cybertip

W: www.cybertip.ca

Helpline for Children in BC

P: 310.1234 (no area code required)

Kids Help Phone

P: 1.800.668.6868

W: www.kidshelpphone.ca

Need Help Now

W: http://needhelpnow.ca

Safe Online Outreach Society (SOLOS)

W: www.safeonlineoutreach.com

The Door That's Not Locked

W: www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca

Youth Against Violence Line

P: 1-800-680-4264 Text: 604.836.6381

W:http://www.pssg.gov.bc/crimeprevention/publicatio

ns/docs/yavl.pdf

E: info@youthagainstviolenceline.com

VictimLink BC

P: 1-800-563-0808

W: www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/victim_services/

PLEA Community Services Society of BC

W: www.asaferspace.ca