

# CHILD EXPLOITATION CAN HAPPEN TO ANY CHILD, IN ANY COMMUNITY

## Do you know the signs?

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board with partners are raising awareness of child exploitation and how businesses, communities and members of the public can play an important role in stopping this form of abuse.

You can help identify potential victims of child exploitation and understand how to appropriately report concerns to the police.



### Operation Makesafe

Within the leisure and hospitality industry there is a specific campaign called Operation Makesafe. This is a countrywide initiative to raise awareness of the exploitation of children and young people that can occur in the hotel/leisure business areas.

### Did you know?

- Local businesses can play a positive role in preventing child exploitation.
- Children and young people may become involved in criminality at your premises, for example sexual exploitation of children and young people, illegal drug use and dealing.
- This behaviour should not automatically be viewed as anti-social behaviour.
- In some cases this can be a vulnerability factor and could be an indicator that they may be involved in child exploitation.

**We want to work with you to ensure that your business is not vulnerable to being associated with these crimes which are particularly targeted at children and young people.**

### Find out more

Discover more about spotting the signs and reporting concerns. Scan the QR code or visit: [www.escb.co.uk/exploitation](http://www.escb.co.uk/exploitation)

