

Think before going Cunch

Questions and answers



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Q. Lianne - "What does going county lines or cunch mean?"

A - It's where illegal drugs are transported from bigger cities to smaller towns by young and vulnerable people who are exploited by criminal gangs.

Q. Abdi - "Will it impact on my career if I get caught?"

A. Yes, it could make it more difficult but it's important to understand that we all make mistakes and it's never too late to ask for help.

Q. Josiah - "How can someone be exploited if they want to do it?"

A - Often, young people don't realise they are being exploited or groomed. Gangs target young people to do the dirty work and take the most risks.

Q. Demi - "I dont think nitties are victims, they're going to buy drugs anyway?"

A - Drug addicts are victims. Many suffer from mental health issues, learning difficulties and are taken advantage of by gangs.

Q. Ayisha - "My ex-boyfriend goes cunch and has never been caught!"

A. Your ex hasn't been caught yet but it doesn't mean he won't be. Also many young people do it for quick money but are often forced to continue against their will.

Q. Ryan - "How can I be in debt if it isn't my fault I got caught?"

A. Gangs don't care about fairness, you've lost them their profit and they want their money back. You'll be asked or threatened to work off your debt which is usually more than you owe.

Q. Reece- "What happens if I get caught going cunch?"

A. You will be arrested. The drugs, money and/or weapons will be seized. It's likely you will be in debt to a gang for the money and drugs that were seized during your arrest.



ADVICE AND SUPPORT

If you are concerned about issues raised in this leaflet and require further advice and support, please get in touch with any of the organisations below.

Birmingham Children's Trust

Children's Advice and Support Service

0121 303 1888

cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

M-T: 8.45am - 5.15pm F: 8.45am - 4.15pm

Out of hours: 0121 675 4806

Childline

Childline helps anyone under 19 in the UK.

0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk

Kooth

Free, safe, anonymous support for young people.

www.kooth.com

Runaway Helpline

If you are thinking about running away, or are being treated badly.

Phone: 116000 or Text: 116000

www.runawayhelpline.org.uk

Missing People

Offering assistance to people who run away or go missing.

www.missingpeople.org.uk

Victim Support

For people affected by crime and traumatic events.

0808 1689111

www.victimsupport.org.uk



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