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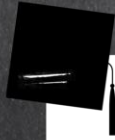
**County
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The Mirror



#KnowTheSigns

COUNTY LINES



County Lines is a way of **distributing drugs** across country, and often involves the **criminal and sexual exploitation** of children and vulnerable adults. Criminal exploitation involves **forcing** or **coercing** others to commit **crimes**, such as selling, storing, and transporting drugs, or assaulting others.

People who are being **exploited** may unintentionally facilitate the **exploitation of others**. Student accommodation may also be **'cuckooed'**: used as a secure location to store/sell drugs.

#KnowTheSigns

- Students scared of or intimidated by particular people
- Increase in new visitors, particularly at unsociable hours
- General decline in physical and mental wellbeing
- Sudden increase of money, drugs, or luxury goods
- Students owning multiple mobile phones
- Students selling drugs to other students

Keep Safe

- Friends and flatmates – have their back
- Be wary of accepting free drugs
- Don't buy what you can't afford
- If you are concerned, seek support

Report

- Call the police on 101, or call 999 in an emergency
- Report anonymously via CrimeStoppers online or call 0800 555 111
- Ask about 'Report and Support' system at your University

Get support

[release.org.uk](https://www.release.org.uk) | [themix.org.uk](https://www.themix.org.uk)
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