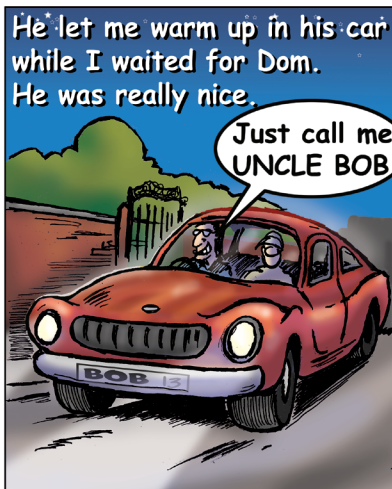
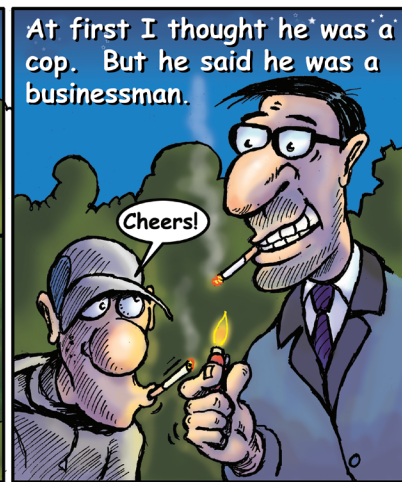


UNCLE BOB AND ME

OR

IF IT SOUNDS TOO
GOOD TO BE TRUE,
IT PROBABLY IS!





When I went to go he gave me £20 and told me to buy some new socks. I said I'd see him the next night.

Thanks
Uncle Bob!

Over the next few weeks he got me loads of stuff. Bob was just how I imagined a real uncle would be.

NEW TRAINERS

Then he came out of the bath.

What's
happening?

I thought we
were friends?

It's not much
to ask. I bet
you do it to
yourself!

It's natural
not dirty!

He wants me to touch his dick!

He has been nice to me
and he gives me stuff

I don't like this
I'm scared!

Is this what
sex is like?

Every grown up I've
ever known has hurt
me. Maybe that's just
the way it is.

I got a hard on.
Does that mean I'm
QUEER?

This went on for weeks. He
started doing different things
to me. I just did as I was told.

Sometimes he would scream
at me and tell me he'd kill me
and bury the body in his
garden.

Nobody will
believe a kid
like you.

Sometimes he would cry like a baby. He said the police would put us both in prison if they found out.



One night he made me wait in the bog, with just my pants on.



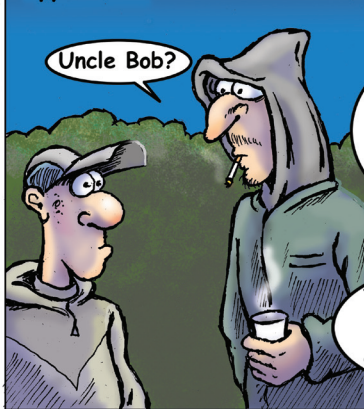
When he let me out, his friends were waiting for me.



I didn't know what to do. So I went looking for Dom.



I told him everything that had happened since I last saw him.



Same thing happened to me when I was your age. They use you for a while....

...and then share you among their mates.

Then they get bored and find another kid.



Look, if you are going to hang around with 'Uncle Bob' and his mates, you need to learn about condoms, safer sex and keeping yourself out of **DANGER**.



If you want to get away from Uncle Bob and get some help, you have to **tell somebody**. Someone in your family, a social worker, teacher, an adult you trust.



Trust me, you won't get into trouble. You are the victim. You haven't done anything wrong. 'Uncle Bob' has!



There are adults who are on the look out for young people just like you:

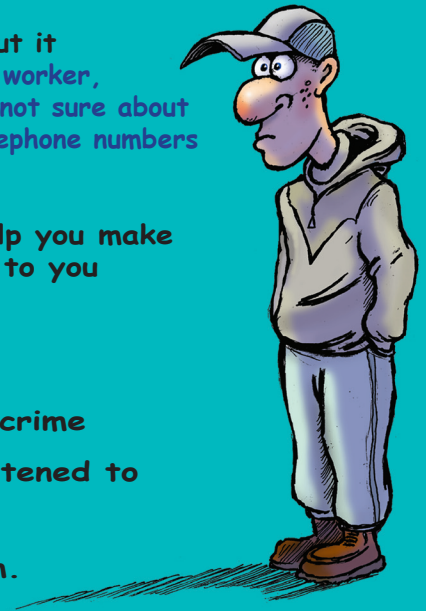
- ✗ they will often try to make friends with you and may seem really nice and kind;
- ✗ they may buy you presents or give you food, drink or drugs. They might let you stay at their home;
- ✗ they will want something in return.

They might want to use you for sexual acts to please themselves or their friends:

- ✗ they can be very persuasive. Things can easily get out of your control;
- ✗ they might threaten you or tell you that you will get into trouble if you tell anybody. They might tell you that nobody will believe you;
- ✗ you might feel ashamed or embarrassed about telling somebody;
- ✗ you might be worried that you will get into trouble if anybody finds out.

If you do find yourself in a situation like this:

- ✓ tell an adult who you trust about it (someone in your family, a social worker, school teacher etc); If you are not sure about who to trust, ring one of the telephone numbers on the back of this leaflet:
- ✓ there are people who can help you make sense of what has happened to you
- ✓ you won't get into trouble
- ✓ you are the victim
- ✓ you have not committed a crime
- ✓ you will be believed and listened to
- ✓ you will not be judged
- ✓ you will be safe from harm.



People you can talk to

Childline; Telephone 0800 1111
for young people who are in danger.

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AIMS

To illustrate common themes and scenarios relating to sexual 'grooming' behaviour aimed at vulnerable young people. It explores how problematic situations can develop, and provides guidance on accessing help and promotes harm reduction strategies.

AUDIENCE

Boys and young men involved in, or at risk of, grooming behaviour and sexual exploitation by older people. Recommended for use in conjunction with support framework and/or clear guidance on accessing supportive services. (see Lifeline web site for guidance)

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