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Intro

Following work with unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young adult asylum seekers living in Glasgow, we recognised that it was vital for us to increase awareness of our anonymous reporting service and translation capacity.

We created a focus group made up of New Young Scots to inform our campaign. They told us that all young people should know about our service and that one of the most powerful ways young people would trust in our charity is through professionals who look after and support them knowing and telling them about [Fearless.org](https://fearless.org)

This guide has been created for those working with New Young Scots as a useful resource to support conversations about Scottish Law and empowering young people with knowledge of a way to report crime 100% anonymously through fearless.org

For more information or to access further training or resources please contact us.

Be Fearless.

Speak up 100%
anonymously and make
your community safer.

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What is fearless?

Fearless is the youth brand of the independent charity Crimestoppers.

Developed through consultation with young people, the Fearless website provides accessible, credible and relevant information about crime and criminality.

What makes this site unique is that it also provides young people with a safe place to give information to us about crime 100% anonymously.



New Young Scots have told us that Fearless helps them to feel safe and empowered.

"I have every bad thing you can have in your head all around me and now you tell me what to do. No person has told me before"

"For me, I feel I cannot go to the police because they beat my family in my country. They tell me it is different here but.... This is a really good thing for me."

"I would like to thank you very much because in my country they do not tell you the law, they beat you. You do not know your rights. And here now you tell me the law and what I can do and this makes me feel strong."

"I like it because if I am scared, I can tell you in my words with my heart" referring to our translation service.

Anonymous Online Form

As quick and simple as completing a text message or social media post – young people are prompted to complete as much information about the crime they are reporting.

We don't ask for their name, address, phone number, school etc

They should put as much information as they can because we can't ask them for any more.

We can't trace their computer or IP address.

THE INCIDENT	THE PERSON(S) INVOLVED
<p>* What is the crime or incident you would like to tell us about?</p> <p>Please let us know what happened and in as much detail as you can remember</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>* What is their name or nickname?</p> <p>Full name (if known) or any nickname</p> <input type="text"/>
<p>* Where did it happen?</p> <p>Street, town or postcode</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>* What do they look like?</p> <p>Facial details, hair colour, tattoos etc</p> <input type="text"/>
<p>* When did it happen?</p> <p>Pick a date (rough date if not known)</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>Do you know their address?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I know their address</p> <p>Do they have access to weapons?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Do they use Facebook or any other social networking sites?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes they do</p> <p>Do they attend a school/college?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes they do</p>

In an emergency ALWAYS dial 999

What happens with the information we receive?

After we receive the anonymous online form, we create a report that brings together all the information given to us, making sure it doesn't contain any information that could identify the young person.

The report is sent to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate crimes, make arrests and charge people in order to bring them to justice. This could be Police Scotland or an agency such as HM Revenue & Customs.

When the report is given to law enforcement, they need to:

- thoroughly research the information received in order to act on it
- make sure that information is accurate and not given with the intention of 'setting someone up'
- have other intelligence that supports the information received from us.

The police cannot get a search warrant or make an arrest based solely on anonymous information.

It takes time to research and investigate a crime, but the information given to fearless.org goes a long way to helping the police make arrests.

Once the information has been researched, law enforcement will allocate this to an appropriate officer or team to deal with. This could mean more research, or action may be taken.

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badbaadada ayaan u kordhin
karnaa Skotland.** په شريكه، مونز كولاى.

شو سكاټ لينډ زيات پرامنه جوړ كړو.

让我们共同合作，创建更安全的苏格兰。

هه موومان پټكه وه ده توانين سكوټلهند
بكهين به شوټنټكى سهلامه تتر.

**Sëbashku, mund ta bëjmë
Skocinë më të sigurt.**

يمكننا مع بعض أن نجعل

اسكتلاندا مكانا أكثر أمانا.

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New Scots

As a charity, we are committed to ensuring that everyone in Scotland can access our service in their mother tongue.

Our secure online reporting form can be written in over 147 languages and then translated by our experts.

To guarantee anonymity, we NEVER pass on whether our translation service has been used.

Resources

Fearless can provide the following support and resources:

- Workshops delivered to the young people directly or to your workplace
- Multi-language posters
- Multi-language small cards
- Multi-language audio recordings

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Empowering
Fairness
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Your Life
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The logo for fearless.org, featuring the word "fearless" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font, with ".org" in a smaller font below it, all set against a black background with a white, torn-paper-like border.

What is hate crime?

A crime motivated by malice or ill will towards a social group by:

Race

Sexual orientation

Religion/faith

Disability

Transgender/gender identity

If you know or suspect someone who is committing hate crime, contact our charity 100% anonymously.

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What is antisocial behaviour?

Antisocial behaviour is when a person or group behave in a way that causes nuisance or harm and distress to another person.

Such as

- **noise –banging, loud parties**
- **shouting, swearing and fighting**
- **threats and harassment**
- **verbal abuse**
- **driving in an inconsiderate or careless way, for example, racing**
- **large groups hanging about the street**
- **animal nuisance, including dog fouling, dogs barking**
- **vandalism**
- **drinking or drug use**

If you know who is responsible for antisocial behaviour, #BeFearless and speak up to our charity.

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**Speak out about the
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What is fireworks misuse?

- Possessing fireworks whilst aged under 18
- Selling fireworks to anyone aged under 18
- Letting off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (midnight on Bonfire Night)
- Throwing or setting off fireworks in a public place
- Causing suffering to animals

If you know or suspect who is misusing fireworks, #BeFearless in speaking up to our charity.

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Speak up against
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What is wilful fire-raising?

Wilful fire-raising is when a fire is deliberately started to damage someone's property or injure people.

If you know or suspect who is starting deliberate fires in your community #BeFearless in speaking up to our charity.

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Dealers often use violence and intimidation to harm and exploit young people.

Anyone can be a victim of drug dealers.

Those who are most at risk are young people who may have poor mental health, family breakdowns or have experienced trauma.

If you know who is selling drugs in your community, #BeFearless and speak up to our charity.

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**Speak up about
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What is consent?

Consent means giving permission or agreeing to something.

It's illegal to have sex or do sexual things with anyone without their full consent.

That includes if:

- they're under 16 yrs old
- they're drunk or they've taken drugs
- they're sleeping or unconscious
- they feel pressured into having sex for fear of what you will say or do

Consent must be given EVERY time and it can be WITHDRAWN at any time.

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Speak out
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What is sexting?

Sexting is the sending of sexually explicit messages and pictures via mobile phones.

It is an offence to possess, send, make, take, distribute or show indecent photos of children or young people under the age of 18.

If you know or suspect who has explicit images of children or young people, #BeFearless in speaking up to our charity.

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What is CSE?

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a form of sexual abuse where a child or young person (under the age of 18) is manipulated or forced into taking part in sexual activity in exchange for something.

It can happen online or in person and to both boys and girls.

Signs:

- **Unexplained expensive gifts**
- **Changes in mood**
- **Going missing or skipping school**
- **Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going**
- **Wearing sexier clothes or changing their appearance**
- **Using drugs or alcohol**
- **Dating, or develop a sexual relationship with older men and/or women**
- **Appear to be controlled by their phone and switching to a new screen when you come near**
- **Unexplained bruises or injuries**

If you know who is responsible for exploiting a child or young person, #BeFearless in speaking up to our charity.

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Useful Links

The following organisations provide a wealth of resources and information for practitioners working with young people across Scotland:

Hate Crime and Equality

Show Racism the Red Card
www.theredcard.org

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre
mwrc.org.uk

Nil by Mouth
nilbymouth.org

Interfaith Scotland
interfaithscotland.org

LGBT Youth
www.lgbtyouth.org.uk

I Am Me Scotland
www.iammescotland.co.uk

Knives

No Knives Better Lives
noknivesbetterlives.com

Sex, abuse and exploitation

NSPCC
www.nspcc.org.uk

Barnardos
www.barnardos.org.uk

Rape Crisis Scotland
www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk

Thinkuknow
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Scottish Government
csethesigns.scot

Disrespect Nobody
www.disrespectnobody.co.uk

Drugs

Talk to Frank
www.talktofrank.com

Know the Score
knowthescore.info

Choices for Life
young.scot/choices-for-life

Help and Support for Victims of Crime

Fearless.org provides a 100% anonymous reporting service for witnesses/third parties who have information or suspicions about crime.

We cannot accept or process information from victims of crime. The following services should be referred to:

Police Scotland

 www.scotland.police.uk
 101 (non emergency) 999 emergency

Childline

National free and confidential advice and support for all young people up to 19 years old

 www.childline.org.uk
 0800 1111

Victim Support Scotland

Provides free and confidential support to victims and witnesses of crime.

 www.victimsupportsco.org.uk
 0800 160 1985

Third Party Reporting

 www.hatecrimescotland.org

Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline

Interpretation service is available

 www.sdafmh.org.uk
 0800 027 1234

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