



**Children travelling on buses, or coaches, may be being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime. Know the signs to spot.**

County lines gangs use children to courier drugs and money across the country. Many of these children travel by bus or coach.

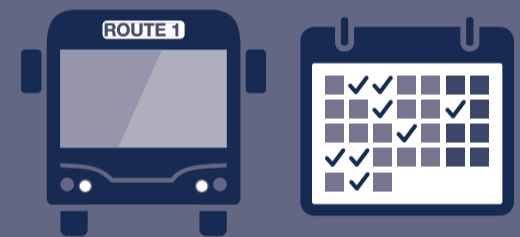
Have you seen a child, sometimes as young as 12, travelling long distances alone?



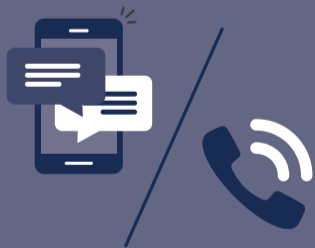
They might seem unfamiliar with the local area, or not have a local accent



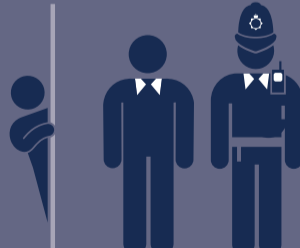
They could be travelling during school hours or unusual hours (early in the morning, late at night)



Are they travelling the same route on a regular basis (once or twice a week)?



They could be receiving excessive texts or phone calls



Are they deliberately avoiding authority figures such as police officers or other members of staff?



Some may be with older individuals who are purchasing tickets for them or giving them money for tickets.

**If you see something that doesn't feel right, or looks suspicious, concerning a child or young person you should report it to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.**



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