

# Sexual Exploitation

## What is sexual exploitation?

**Sexual exploitation** involves someone taking advantage of another person in order to profit off of their sexual activity/body.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:



**Sexual exploitation is a criminal offence** under the Criminal Code of Canada.



By law, it is illegal for someone under 18 to engage in sexual activity with the intention of getting something in return.

You could feel pressured to engage in sexual activity in return for:



A relationship



Money



Being accepted



Drugs



Safety from threats



## Who's benefiting?

Sexual exploitation can be committed by a sexual predator, a peer, a pimp, or someone you trust.



Basically anyone that puts you in the position of a sexual exchange.

The majority of offenders are 18-34 years old.<sup>1</sup>



18

34



24

is the median age of those accused for online sexual exploitation.<sup>1</sup>

## Did you know?



There were over 40,000 reports of online sexual exploitation from 2014-2020.<sup>1</sup>



Sexual exploitation makes up over 70% of human trafficking in Canada.<sup>2</sup>