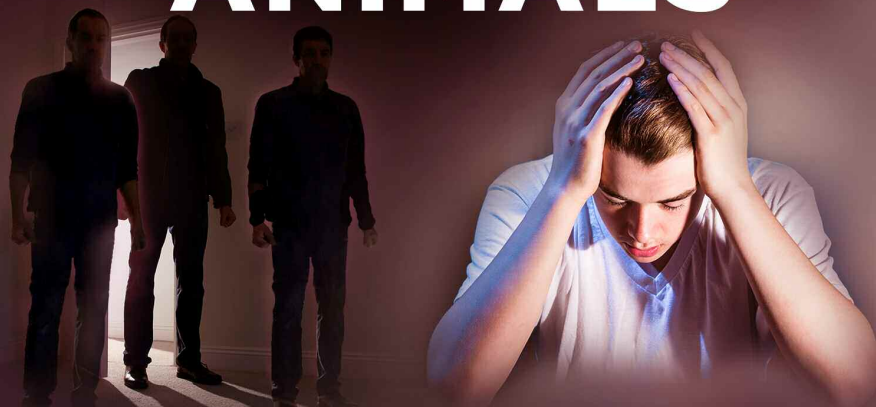




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Have you been invited to a party or gathering, either online or in person and have been told there will be 'free' drink and/or drugs?

Ask yourself;

"Why is someone offering to give me something for free?"

"What do they want in return?"

Have you been invited to a party or get-together:

- through friends,
- either online or in person,
- or by someone that you don't know well?

The party could be at someone's house that you don't know, or in a location that you're not familiar with. You could be offered a lift and told that there will be free drugs and alcohol available.

Ask yourself;

"Why have I been invited when I don't know the person who owns the house or whose party it is?"

"Why is someone offering to give me something for free?"

"What do they want in return?"

Listen to your gut feeling - if it feels wrong, don't go!

Accepting the invitation could lead to you feeling pressured into doing things that you don't want to do, things that make you feel uncomfortable and ashamed.

The price you pay for free stuff could be rape.

Being sexually assaulted or raped is a criminal offence and you should tell someone if this happens to you. There are people who you can speak to who won't blame you or judge you about what's happened.

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Police: **101** in a non-emergency or if the crime has already happened. Call **999** if the crime is in progress or you feel you are in immediate danger.

Crimestoppers: **0800 555 111**

If you do accept an invitation there are things that you need to do to keep yourself safe:

- Make sure you know where you're going
- Find out whose party it is
- Tell a trusted adult where you're going and who with
- Take note of the road signs if you accept a lift
- Tell someone what time you're expected home
- Make sure your phone is charged
- Text or call a trusted adult when you get there
- Take enough money with you to get home

If you are at a party or gathering and are having a good time, but someone asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable:

- Stop drinking
- Don't accept any drugs
- Don't go in to a room with people that make you feel uncomfortable
- Make an excuse, e.g. pretend you're feeling ill and lock yourself in a room e.g. bathroom or go outside
- Then, send a text or make a phone call to a trusted adult to get someone to come and pick you up, or call the police



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