



# Sexual Exploitation



## What is sexual exploitation ?

Sexual exploitation is sexual conduct of any kind between a trusted adult and a student in their care.

## What is grooming?

Grooming is when an adult gains trust and uses position of power to take over a student. The process of grooming can take place in a matter of minutes over one conversation or over long periods of time.

## What grooming may look like:

An adult that tries to convince you that your relationship is loving like a boyfriend or girlfriend. Flattery, commenting on your physical traits or pretending to have a lot in common. Taking special interests that seems unnatural. Giving money, drugs or alcohol- and later using the use of money, drugs or alcohol against you. Convincing you that you will get in trouble if you tell because of something you did.

## Do not protect your perpetrator

It is easy to feel like you should protect your perpetrator because of all they have done or provide for you but no matter what they have done for you it NEVER makes it ok. You do not owe your perpetrator anything. Keeping their secret is not doing anyone a favor-in fact it may make your situation progressively worse over time.

## What to do if you are a victim?

Remind yourself this isn't your fault. --

You did not do anything wrong. It is the person who is pressuring you who is responsible.

Trust your gut. --

Don't feel obligated to do anything you don't want to do. It doesn't matter why you don't want to do something. Simply not being interested is reason enough. Do only what feels right to you and what you are comfortable with.

It's okay to lie.--

If you are concerned about angering or upsetting this person, you can lie or make an excuse to create an exit. It may feel wrong to lie, but you are never obligated to remain in a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared, or threatened.

It is never too late to ask for help--

No matter what you have done- willingly or against your will- it is never too late to report your situation. We want you to be in a happy and healthy placement. We will do everything to protect you and your privacy.

If you report your situation, you will NOT be in trouble--

If you are a victim of exploitation no matter your part you will not be in trouble. You will not be kicked off of program and Pan Atlantic will be here to support you and your success.

Your perpetrator does NOT have the ability to "send you home" , get you, "kicked off of program" or "report you to law enforcement for illegal behaviors".

**US Emergency Number: 911**

**PAF Emergency Number: 866-227-5335 (tom-bark-del)**

**Other Resources for Sexual Misconduct**

**National Sexual Violence Resource Center [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)**

**Project Respect [www.yesmeansyes.com](http://www.yesmeansyes.com)**

**RAINN [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)**

**Safe Space, INC [www.safespaceonline.org](http://www.safespaceonline.org)**