

Problem scenario – boys

Friendships and Relationships

Lee goes out with his mates every day. They usually end up on the high street looking for trouble. Lee and his mates love a good laugh and are usually having one at someone else's expense. Most of the time they call people on the street names but sometimes they take things too far. Lee likes his friends but sometimes he feels uncomfortable about what they get involved in. Lately, they have been planning to 'happy slap' someone; they pick a random person to slap and record it on their phone to show to others. Lee really doesn't want to be involved in this but is worried that his friends will 'take the mick out of him' if he says anything. Lee knows it's going to happen soon but he doesn't know what he should do about it.

Questions

- ▶ Why do you think the boys are looking for trouble?
- ▶ When is 'a laugh' not funny?
- ▶ What are the consequences for verbally abusing people on the street?
- ▶ What are the consequences for physically abusing people on the street?
- ▶ What is making Lee feel so uncomfortable?
- ▶ What kind of bullying is this?
- ▶ Are Lee's friends bullying him?
- ▶ How would you feel if you were in Lee's shoes?
- ▶ What advice would you give to Lee if you were his 'true friend'?



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