

Be Fearless





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What is Fearless?



Fearless is part of a charity called Crimestoppers.



Fearless is Crimestoppers' special service for young people aged from 12 to 18 years old.



Fearless is not the Police.

What service do we provide?



On our website <u>Fearless.org</u> you can get important information:



- about keeping yourself safe
- to help you to make good choices



If you know information about crime, you can tell us and nobody will ever find out where the information has come from.

What can you tell us?



You can tell us if you know someone is breaking the law.

They might be selling drugs, carrying a weapon or hurting someone.



You can report any crime.



You cannot tell us if you are a victim of crime – if the crime has happened to you.



If you are a victim of a crime:

• tell an adult you trust



• or phone Childline on 0800 1111

How do you contact us?



You can:

- go to our website <u>Fearless.org</u> and click on the blue 'Give information anonymously' rectangle at the top right of the screen
- click on <u>this link</u> to take you to the 'give information' page
- or call us on 0800 555 111



Our promise to you



When you tell us information about crime, you always stay 100% **anonymous**.

Anonymous means that nobody will ever know the information came from you.



We will never ask for your name, address or phone number.



Our computer system scrambles your **IP** address – the number that is given to each computer.

This means we do not know who has sent the message.



If you call us we cannot see or track your telephone number.

We do not record your call.

What do we do with the information you give us?



We make a report that:

- has all the information you have told us about the crime
- does not have any information about you



The report is sent to whoever are the best people or organisation to investigate the crime like:

- Police Scotland
- HM Revenue and Customs



An **investigation** is when police look for facts to find out exactly what happened and if a crime has been committed.



When they get the report they need to check the information in it:



- to make sure it is true
- to make sure it has not been given to set someone up
- so they can do something about it



They also need to get other information to support what you have told us.



The police cannot get a **search warrant** or make an arrest based on one piece of anonymous information.

A **search warrant** is a legal document from a court.

It gives police the power to search a person, place or vehicle.





When the information has been checked the Police will arrange for an officer or team to deal with it.

This could mean more research, or action may be taken.



The information you have given could be:

- an important missing part of an investigation that is already happening
- what is needed to start a new investigation



The information you give to Fearless makes communities safer for everyone.



