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IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FROM DORSET POLICE

Dear Parent & Carer,

Dorset Police is asking parents, carers and guardians to speak to their children about the dangers of urban exploring.

Urban exploring, sometimes known as "urbexing", involves entering abandoned buildings, empty properties, rooftops and other restricted sites, often to film videos and create content for social media.

While it may appear exciting, these locations can be extremely dangerous. Hidden hazards such as unstable floors, collapsing roofs, unsafe staircases and significant drops can result in serious or life-changing injuries.

Dorset Police has recently received reports involving children as young as 11 years old accessing rooftops and derelict buildings in Dorset.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to watch the video below and have a conversation with their children about the risks.

 **Watch the video here:** <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/IHfzL2DwFDs>

A simple conversation today could help prevent a serious incident tomorrow.

Thank you for your support.

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