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### Activity: Discussion

#### Reasons for under-recording crime

##### Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- assess the reasons for the under-recording of crime by the police and its impact on crime statistics.

A. Work in a small group.

1. Using the reasons given on pages 41-42 of your textbook for the **under-recording of crime by the police**, plus any other reasons that you think might apply, decide why the police might not record the following offences:

- soliciting for prostitution
- vandalism
- people trafficking
- possession of cannabis
- rape
- littering
- under-age sex
- burglary
- gang fights
- child abuse
- 'honour' crimes
- shopkeepers short-changing customers
- hacking bank accounts
- domestic violence.

2. Which of these offences do you think are least likely to be recorded by the police? Try to rank the crimes in order of the likelihood of being recorded.