

Jeremy at a house party

Jeremy and his friends are at a house party. They are all having a few beers. Jeremy gets a text from his girlfriend, Flo, saying she is sick. Flo asks Jeremy to come over to her place. When Jeremy tells his friends that he needs to go, Nazeer says: 'No way, we just got started, she's just has on her rags and wants you to herself', and Steve says: 'Yeah, don't you dare pike out'.

Questions

- What internal conflicts might Jeremy be feeling at the end of this conversation? What do you think he will do now?
- What do Nazeer and Steve's comments say about where Jeremy should rank his relationship with them against his relationship with Flo?
- What underlying ideas might the guys hold about the roles of girls/women in society?
- Why is this behaviour a problem? What might it lead to?

Wei the apprentice

Wei is an apprentice carpenter. Jess, a new female apprentice, has just started and has been partnered up with Wei. After some time working together, Wei starts making comments to Jess like: “Can you hurry up? You’re making me look bad”. Wei escalates the banter by stating: “I’m serious, Jess, I haven’t got time for you to carry on like a princess”. A group of young tradies aged 17-20 walk past and a few of them wolf whistle. The leader of the pack yells: “You got her under control, Wei?”

Questions

- What might Wei mean when he says that Jess is making him look bad? In front of whom?
- What do you think Jess is feeling?
- What are the tradies who walk past teaching Wei? Are they approving of his behaviour?
- Why is this behaviour a problem? What might it lead to?

Liam at his supermarket job

Liam is at his job at the local supermarket. He and some of his male peers are talking about a female workmate, Helen, he's attracted to. Liam is saying things like: "Boys, I've just got to say, she's a rig" and "Check out her rack! I think I'm in love!" His peers make several lewd comments like: "You gotta tap that, man." Liam replies: "She can get in line!"

Questions

- How do you feel about the way Liam is thinking and talking about his colleague, Helen?
- How are Liam's mates' responses helping him to continue his disrespectful behaviour?
- Do you think Liam is trying to show off to his friends about his sexual experiences? What does this scene tell you about how young men sometimes bond with one another?
- Why is this behaviour a problem? What might it lead to?

Vijay at the football

After the game, Vijay won best on ground and he's talking about the best moments on the field with his mates. As a group of girls walk past, Vijay yells out: "Any you girls in the mood?" The girls reply: "Get lost!" Vijay gets aggressive and says: "F**k you bitches, you couldn't handle what I got to offer. I'm too good for you skanks anyway!" Vijay's mates laugh out loud and the girls walk away quickly.

Questions

- If he was alone, would Vijay have spoken to the girls the same way?
- When the girls rejected Vijay, why do you think Vijay reacted like he did? Do you think it's ok how Vijay behaved?
- What role are Vijay's mates playing in this scenario?
- Why is this behaviour a problem? What might it lead to?

Ryan at a BBQ

Ryan and his mates are having fun at a BBQ. Ryan likes one of the girls at the BBQ, Yumi. He walks by her and says: "I'm gonna find you tonight". Throughout the night, whenever Ryan sees Yumi, he winks at her, makes lewd gestures and says things like: "You're mine later, baby". Yumi laughs it off or ignores Ryan, but asks her friends not to leave her alone.

Questions

- What is Ryan feeling? Is his behavior ok?
- How is Yumi feeling?
- What should Ryan's friends do, if anything?
- Why is this behaviour a problem? What might it lead to?

Bill's night out with the boys

Bill and his mates are hyped up for a night out. Bill organised to meet his girlfriend, Rani, at a friend's house down the road later in the night, but was two hours late and didn't text Rani. Rani tries to talk to Bill about not meeting her as planned. Throughout the conversation, Bill's friends yell things like: "Don't keep his nuts in a vice" and "If you love him set him free". Bill cuts Rani off and says: "Yeah, back off. Why are you so uptight?"

Questions

- How is Rani feeling in this situation?
- What message are the boys communicating to each other about the relationships between young men?
- What message are Bill and his friends the boys communicating to each other about the relationships between young men and women?
- Why is this behaviour a problem? What might it lead to?

Costa at games night

Costa and his mates are playing video games together one night after school. Costa's sister Elena walks into the room to get something from the fridge. The boys start wolf whistling. Costa tells his sister to go back to her room and stop causing trouble. Elena is upset and opens her mouth to say something, but Costa turns his back, so she just leaves the room quickly.

Questions

- What message is Costa giving to his friends?

- What message is Costa giving to his sister Elena?

- What is Elena feeling? Why did she decide not to speak up?

- Why is this behaviour a problem? What might it lead to?