

The Signs (cont'd)

Signs more typical in younger children:

- ◆ An older child behaving like a younger child (such as bed-wetting or thumb sucking)
- ◆ Has new words for private body parts
- ◆ Resists removing clothes at appropriate times (bath, bed, toileting, diapering)
- ◆ Asks other children to behave sexually or play sexual games
- ◆ Mimics adult-like sexual behaviors with toys or stuffed animal(s)
- ◆ Wetting and soiling accidents unrelated to toilet training

Signs more typical in adolescents:

- ◆ Self-injury (cutting, burning)
- ◆ Inadequate personal hygiene
- ◆ Drug and alcohol abuse
- ◆ Sexual promiscuity
- ◆ Running away from home
- ◆ Depression, anxiety
- ◆ Suicide attempts
- ◆ Fear of intimacy or closeness
- ◆ Compulsive eating or dieting

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Physical signs of sexual abuse are rare. If you see these signs, bring your child to a doctor. Your doctor can help you understand what may be happening and test for sexually transmitted diseases.

- ◆ Pain, discoloration, bleeding or discharges in genitals, anus or mouth
- ◆ Persistent or recurring pain during urination and bowel movements
- ◆ Wetting and soiling accidents unrelated to toilet training

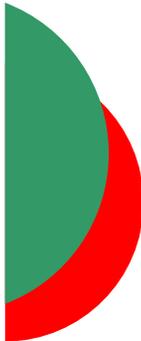
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Child Sexual Abuse: The Facts



"Because one victim is too many..."



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What is child sexual abuse?

Forcing, coercing or persuading a child to engage in any type of sexual act.

If an adult engages in any sexual behavior with a child to meet the adult's interest or sexual needs, it is sexual abuse.

Sexual abuse can also occur between two minors, where one exerts power over the other.

Includes harmful contact behaviors:

- ◆ Touching a child's genitals or private parts for sexual purposes
- ◆ Making a child touch someone else's genitals or play sexual games
- ◆ Putting objects or body parts (like fingers, tongue, or penis) inside the vagina, mouth, or anus of a child for sexual purposes

Includes harmful non-contact behaviors:

- ◆ Showing pornography to a child
- ◆ Deliberately exposing an adult's genitals to a child
- ◆ Photographing a child in sexual poses
- ◆ Encouraging a child to watch or hear sexual acts
- ◆ Inappropriately watching a child undress or use the bathroom

Let's Talk Numbers

90% of child sex abuse victims who know their offender.

- ◆ 30% are abused by family members
- ◆ 60% are abused by people the family trusts (i.e. those who have access to the child in a school, church, sports club, etc.)

44% of child sex abuse victims are under the age of 18.

Someone is sexually assaulted every 2 minutes.

Out of 16 offenders, 15 will never spend a day in jail.

More than 80% of child sexual abuse incidents occur when children are in isolated, one-on-one situations with adults or other youth.

40% of child sexual abuse victims are abused by older or more powerful children.

Youth are the victims in 66% of all sexual offenses reported to law enforcement.

Youth are 2.5 times more likely to be raped than adults.

9% of 10-17 year olds receive a sexual request while on the Internet.

The Signs

Any one sign doesn't mean that a child was sexually abused, but the presence of several suggests that you begin asking questions and consider seeking help.

Behavior you may see in a child or adolescent:

- ◆ Has nightmares or other sleep problems without an explanation
- ◆ Seems distracted or distant at odd times
- ◆ Has a sudden change in eating habits
 - * Refuses to eat
 - * Loses or drastically increases appetite
 - * Has trouble swallowing
- ◆ Sudden mood swings (i.e. rage, fear, insecurity, or withdrawal)
- ◆ Leaves "clues" that seem likely to provoke a discussion about sexual issues
- ◆ Writes, draws, plays or dreams of sexual or frightening images
- ◆ Develops a new or unusual fear of certain people or places
- ◆ Refuses to talk about a secret shared with an adult or older child
- ◆ Talks about a new, older friend
- ◆ Suddenly has money, toys or other gifts without reason
- ◆ Thinks of self or body as repulsive, dirty or bad
- ◆ Exhibits adult-like sexual behaviors, language and knowledge