



Degrees of Risk

Establishing Safety:

- Reassure your child that he/she/they are the bosses of their own bodies.
- Establish rules about privacy and consent.
- Practice saying "no", "don't touch me", and "don't do that."
- Teach he/she/they to tell a safe adult if a touch made or makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Talk to children about sexual development using proper names for private parts.
- Practice asking for consent/permission to touch another person.
- Talk to other family members and friends about your safety rules.

Concerning Behaviors in Adults & Older Youth:

- Being overly interested in a child
- Looking for alone time with a child
- Giving special attention or treatment to a child
- Not respecting a child's "no" or ignoring a caregiver's request to stop the activity
- Encouraging silence or secrets with a child

Action Step: Pay attention and say something during these situations. These are opportunities to interject and prevent future abuse.

Child Sexual Abuse is:

- Touching a child's private parts
- Asking a child to touch anyone else's private parts
- Exposing private parts to a child
- Showing pornographic materials to a child
- Taking photos or videos of children in sexual poses or taking part in sexual activities
- Having ANY type of inappropriate sexual conversations with a child

Action Steps:

- Call the Michigan Child Abuse Hotline 855.444.3911
- If there are immediate safety concerns, call 911

