



Degrees of Risk

Establishing Safety:

- *Reassure your child that children 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 children to also tell a safe adult if a touch made them feel uncomfortable
- *Talk to children about sexual development and proper names for private body parts
- *Practice asking for consent/permission when touching another child
- *Talk to other family members about your family's safety rules

Concerning Behaviors in Adults and 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 parent's request to stop the activity
- *Encouraging silence or secrets with children

ACTION TO TAKE:

- *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 TO TAKE:

- *Call the Michigan Child Abuse hotline: 1.855.444.3911
- *If there are immediate safety concerns, also call 911