

Teaching Children to Trust their Feelings

1) Take the time to listen if your child talks about not liking or feeling uncomfortable/weird/nervous around someone (grown-up, teenager or kid).



Remind your child it is never too late to tell about touches they received



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and didn't like. Even if they forgot and remember later, they should always come to you. *Reassure them you will listen, you will believe them, and you will help them.* 2) Let your child know if anyone touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable or scared, they can always tell you. Even if it is someone they know and like, they should still tell you.



4) Encourage your child to listen to their inner voice. If they get a weird feeling inside about something, it is *always* okay to tell one of their safe adults.



Help your child to notice and trust their feelings outside of body safety conversations. An example could be, if you see them feeling uncomfortable while being tickled, and they speak up, praise them for trusting their feelings.

Parent and Child Activity

Work with your child to complete the sentence using each letter once: R S L F



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