



Stop It Now! Minnesota

The Campaign to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

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What are some Sexual Behavior Warning Signs in Children or Adolescents you should know?

It is not always easy to tell if child sexual abuse is happening especially if the possible abuser is another child. Remember, you are not on your own; you only need to decide that it would be helpful to have someone else look at what is going on.



Do you know someone who:

- Downloads child pornography off the internet?
- Takes younger children to secret places?
- Plays "secret" games with younger children? (e.g. doctor, "pants-down" games, etc.)
- Plays games with a child that the adolescent would otherwise avoid or hate? (e.g. adolescents playing "house" with a child of five.)
- Experiences sudden wide changes in moods or habits? (e.g. refuses to leave his or her room or expresses anger in unexpected outbursts.)
- Insists on hugging or kissing a child when the child does not want to be hugged or kissed?
- Tells you he or she does not want to be left alone with a child?
- Becomes anxious when he or she is told about a particular person coming to visit?
- Focuses intense attention on or is overly interested in the physical maturing of children? (e.g. comments on or is overly interested in the developing bodies of others.)
- Uses frequent or aggressive sexualized language in commonplace settings?
- Shows sexual materials to younger children?
- Makes obscene telephone calls?
- Shares alcohol or other drugs with younger children or teens?
- Exposes his or her genitals to younger children?
- Forces sex on another adolescent or child?

If you see behaviors that concern you, call 1-888-PREVENT for information, or visit us on the web at www.stopitnow.org/mn

If you answered yes to any of the last three questions, you need to get professional help for the adolescent or the child. For a list of professionals in your area, call **1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)**.

If you answered "yes" to some of these questions and do not know how to talk about these issues, or you want further information, please call our Helpline toll-free at 1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368) Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (CST). You can call and have a confidential conversation with a professional about what you are seeing, learn about local resources, and what options are available to you.

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