



Stop It Now! Minnesota

The Campaign to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

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What to Watch Out for When Adults or Youth are with Children

Have you ever seen someone playing with a child and felt uncomfortable with what you observed? Maybe you thought, "I'm just overreacting," or "He/She doesn't really mean that." Don't ignore comments or behaviors; learn to talk about it or ask more questions about what you have seen. The checklist below offers some warning signs.



Do you know an adult, adolescent, or older child who:

- Refuses to let a child set any of his or her own limits?
- Insists on hugging, touching, kissing, tickling, wrestling with or holding a child even when the child does not want this affection?
- Is overly interested in the sexuality of a particular child or teen (e.g., talks repeatedly about the child's developing body or interferes with normal teen dating)?
- Manages to get time alone or insists on time alone with a child with no interruptions?
- Spends most of his/her spare time with children and has little interest in spending time with someone their own age?
- Regularly offers to babysit many different children for free or takes children on overnight outings alone?
- Buys children expensive gifts or gives them money for no apparent reason?
- Frequently walks in on children/teens in the bathroom?
- Allows children or teens to consistently get away with inappropriate behaviors?

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 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. - 5 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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