

“My 9 year-old son has displayed an unusual interest in sex since the age of 3. He tries to play sex games with other children and I fear he will be kicked out of his school if this continues. We think he may have been sexually abused, but we can't think of who it could be. What can we do to help our son?”

“I am a 40 year-old man. When I was 14 I touched my 13 year-old sister. Nothing has happened since, but I still think about it. I have never told anyone other than my parents. Would you suggest I talk with a counselor?”

“I am very involved with a man that I think acts really weird around teens. He is a high school teacher and running coach. He spends time with the girls on his team, even running with them before school hours. He flirts with all women, but it's the very young girls that bother me the most. I have a very uneasy feeling; any advice?”

Stop It Now!

■ Stop It Now! is a national nonprofit which collaborates with local partners to build a groundbreaking public health approach to child sexual abuse prevention. Founded in 1992, Stop It Now!'s mission is to use public health tools to encourage adults to prevent sexual abuse before a child is harmed.

Stop It Now! supports the existing criminal justice and child protection systems that provide important services to children and families as well as other prevention programs focused on preventing the victimization of children. However, to fully address the root causes of this epidemic we must add new programs that also focus on preventing the perpetration of child sexual abuse.

To learn more about Stop It Now! and the Campaign to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, please visit our website at www.stopitnow.org, email us at info@stopitnow.org, or call the toll-free helpline to talk with professional staff at **1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)** from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday - Friday, Eastern Standard Time.



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When You're Concerned— But Don't Know What to Do—Help is Available

■ The Stop It Now! helpline was established in 1995 as a toll-free resource for individuals with questions or concerns about child sexual abuse. The helpline is available for anyone concerned about sexually inappropriate behaviors in themselves, in another adult, adolescent or child. Professional staff provide an opportunity for you or any concerned caller to gather information, talk through a situation, and explore options for taking action.

What Kind of Help Will I Get?

■ **If you know** about a situation of sexual abuse, we will talk with you about reporting that abuse, ensuring that everyone is in a safe situation, and seeking help for everyone involved.

■ **If you see warning signs** of child sexual abuse, but are unsure or do not have any evidence, we will talk with you about your options, how to ask questions of everyone involved, and identify local resources that may be of help to you.

■ **If you are concerned** about sexualized behaviors in an adult or child, we can provide information about healthy sexual development, concerning behaviors, and child sexual abuse. Your call is kept confidential.



Help Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

■ Child sexual abuse thrives in an atmosphere of silence and few families are comfortable talking about it. We can best prevent abuse by learning how to talk about this issue within our families and within our communities.

Focusing only on signs of abuse in a child means we don't prevent sexual abuse from happening in the first place. By educating ourselves about the warning signs in an adult, adolescent, or child with sexual behavior problems we can prevent abuse before it starts www.stopitnow.org/warnings. By talking about safety plans with our families and communities, we can stop the secrecy and give permission to each person to ask for help when it is needed. Current research shows that specialized treatment can help adults, adolescents, and children learn to control their sexually abusive behaviors. If someone you know and love may be at risk to sexually abuse a child, help is available.



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