

Know the Statistics

What is sexual abuse?

When an adult involves a child in ANY sexual act, including:

- Fondling
- Exhibitionism
- Voyeurism
- Exposure to pornography
- Internet "chatting" around sexual topics

Sexual abuse can occur at all ages.

- More than 67% of all sexual assault victims are under 18.
- 1 in 4 girls sexually abused before age 18
- 1 in 6 boys sexually abused before age 18
- 1 in 5 children receive a sexual solicitation while on the Internet
- The median age for sexually assaulted children is 9 years old
- 1 in 7 victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement agencies is under age 6
- There are approximately 39 million survivors of childhood sexual abuse in U.S.
- More than 80% of cases of child sexual abuse occur in one child/one adult situations.

Who are typical perpetrators of child sexual abuse?

- 90% are male
- 90% are religious
- 75% are Caucasian
- 80% are/have been married
- 65% are middle income or above
- 50% are college educated

Child victimizers target children they know:

Only 10% of perpetrators are strangers.

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| • Family member | 40% |
| ○ Biological Child | 20% |
| ○ Stepchild, Adopted, Foster child | 30% |
| ○ Siblings | 10% |
| ○ Nieces and Nephews | 20% |
| ○ Grandchild | 5% |
| • Acquaintance | 50% |
| ○ Friend, Neighbor | 40% |
| ○ Student, Sports Participant, etc. | 50% |
| ○ Babysitter | 5% |

Most children don't tell, even when asked.

- Evidence that a child has been sexually abused is not always obvious, and many children do not report that they have been abused.
- Over 30% of victims never disclose the experience to ANYONE.
- Young victims may not recognize their victimization as sexual abuse.
- Almost 80% initially deny abuse.
- Fabricated sexual abuse reports constitute only 1% to 4% of all reported cases, and the majority of fabricated reports come from adults.

What are some of the effects of child sexual abuse on an individual?

- Drug and Alcohol Dependence
- Depression, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, and Anxiety
- Eating Disorders
- Debilitating Fear, Nightmares
- Delinquency
- Teen Pregnancy
- Sexual Disorders, Prostitution
- Increased Illness, Hospitalizations

What can responsible organizations and corporations who cater to children and their families do to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse?

- Pay Attention
- Understand the Impact
- Create Hiring Policy
- Create One-on-One Policy
- Create Reporting Policy
- Train Employees/Volunteers

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