

Safeguarding God's Children

Video: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

1. What are your first impressions or reactions?
2. Why can it be difficult to identify offenders? For example, who might they be?
 - *baby sitter...*

3. What are some of the Myths and Facts of child sexual abuse?

| Myth | Fact |
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| 1. <i>Offenders are strangers</i> | 1. |
| 2. | 2. |
| 3. | 3. |

4. There are three steps that people can take to prevent sexual abuse from happening. Write examples for Step 2 and Step 3.

Step 1: Watch for the warning signs from the offenders and from the victims.

Step 2: Act when you see warning signs.

Examples:

- *Tell the person who violates your child's boundaries: "I don't let my child do that."*
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Step 3: Teach children ways to be safe

Examples:

- *Teach your child the names of their private body parts and that people don't have permission to touch them.*
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5. Boundary Violation Warning Signs

There are 3 types of boundary violation: physical, emotional and behavioral.

Question: What are some examples of boundary violations?

- *tickling*
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6. What are some of the warning signs from the children that showed that abuse had taken place?

- *depression*
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7. What kept parents from acting on their concerns or suspicions that something was wrong?