

**BE
PROACTIVE**

REDUCE THE RISK



Avoid 1 on 1 situations between adults and children.

- Ensure interactions with children can be observed and interrupted.
- Have multiple adults supervise children.
- Copy parents and caregivers when texting or emailing children/youth.
- Ensure any social media posts with children or youth are PUBLIC.



Ensure youth-serving organizations have child protection policies in place.

- Screening and evaluation of potential staff (includes volunteers & interns).
- Organization-wide prevention training for children parents, caregivers, & staff.
- Procedures defining appropriate and inappropriate adult behavior.
- Clear response plan for disclosures and boundary violations.



Recognize grooming behaviors used by abusers.

- Gains trust, filling roles and unmet needs of child and family.
- Offers time, favors, and gifts, which may be given in secret.
- Physical contact increases, testing child's comfort level and response.
- Creates opportunities for increased alone time with child or teen.



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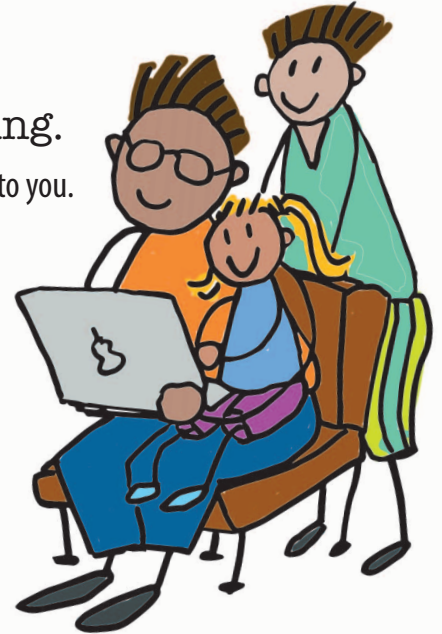
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Monitor internet, social media, and texting.

- Talk regularly about internet safety. Invite kids to bring concerns to you.
- Have children teach you about their devices, apps, and games.
- Know their passwords and set up parental controls.
- Follow your child and their friends on social media.
- Ask to see their activity.
- **Learn more at www.NetSmartz.org**



Talk openly with others about child sexual abuse.

- Share what you know about keeping kids safe.
- Tell others your child has learned body safety and assertiveness skills.
- Set limits about touching, affection, physical contact, gifts, and secrets.
- **Address boundary violations immediately: Describe the Behavior. Set a Limit. Move on.**

Describe the Behavior: "It looks like you're forcing Shawn to hug you. Shawn looks uncomfortable."

Set a Limit: "Please stop. We let Shawn decide who to hug."

Move On: "Shawn let's head to the kitchen and get something to drink."

www.D2L.org

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Explore volunteer opportunities



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