



Kiokee Safety and Protection Training

Purpose of Training

- * to communicate accurate information about sexual abuse and abusers
 - * to move out any misconceptions or misinformation about abuse and abusers and replace it with accurate information
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Definition of Abuse: *any tricked, forced, manipulated or coerced sexual activity for the pleasure of the abuser*

- * It can be physical, verbal or visual.
 - * *You don't have to touch a child to abuse them*
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Misconceptions/Misinformation Regarding Abuse:

1. Sexual abuse is not that big of a problem

Statistics

- ⇒ There are 60 million sexual abuse survivors in the United States
- ⇒ 1 in 3 Females will be sexually abused before the age of 18
- ⇒ 1 in 6 Males will be sexually abused before the age of 18
- ⇒ 66% of victims won't talk about abuse until they are adults - if ever

Sexual Abuse is an *epidemic* in our society - something that cuts across all racial, social, ethnic, and socioeconomic class lines



Misconceptions/Misinformation cont...

2. Abusers are male.
 3. Abusers are adults
 4. You can “spot” potential perpetrators
 5. This kind of thing happens other places - it won't ever happen at Kiokee
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Information About Abusers

- ⇒ There are 657,000 registered sex offenders
 - ⇒ The average male molester who prefers boys as victims will have 150 victims prior to prosecution, if he's ever criminally prosecuted
 - ⇒ The average male molester who prefers girls as victims will have 52 victims prior to criminal prosecution
 - ⇒ The average male molester begins victimizing children at the age of 13 or 14
 - ⇒ The average age of criminal prosecution is 35
 - ⇒ Abusers go where the barriers of protection are lowest
 - ⇒ Abusers often look like you and me
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Characteristics of An Abuser

- 1. Deviant Sexual Desire** – they prefer a child over an adult of their own age. These are the most dangerous offenders. They will spend much time and effort to gain access to the age of child they prefer
- 2. Faulty Thinking** – the ability to rationalize or justify their deviant desire



3. Grooming Behaviors - molesters will use an extraordinary amount of time and effort desiring to cause others to think of them as being helpful, trustworthy and responsible.

- ⇒ Molesters are looking for trusted time alone
 - ⇒ Molesters groom the child and they groom the gatekeepers
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Grooming Process - the process by which a molester selects a child for abuse and prepares that child for sexual interaction

Gaining Access

- ⇒ through volunteer position related to children
- ⇒ gaining trust of child's caregiver(s)
- ⇒ creating the appearance of being caring, helpful, trustworthy
- ⇒ skilled at meeting a child's need

Selecting a Child

- ⇒ on the fringe, in need
- ⇒ looking for someone to follow or trust
- ⇒ from a broken or single parent home



Grooming Process cont...

Common Grooming Behaviors

- ⇒ gift giving - possessions or privileges
- ⇒ touchy with children - playful but inappropriate touch
- ⇒ breaking the rules

Nudity & Sexual Touch

- ⇒ barrier testing - sense of personal space removed through repeated touch
- ⇒ sexual discussions or jokes - making sex interesting or funny
- ⇒ playful or accidental nudity - wearing down of a child's sensitivity

Keeping the Victim Silent

- ⇒ secrecy
- ⇒ shame and embarrassment
- ⇒ threats

#1 Reason victims do not report abuse: they don't think anyone will believe them



Peer to Peer Sexual Abuse

* **Definition** - sexually harmful behavior between children involving an aggressor and a child who does not want sexual interaction

- ⇒ look for opportunities afforded to access other children - school, sports, church
- ⇒ distinguished from natural sexual curiosity by the balance of power
- ⇒ power can be that the child is older, bigger or physically stronger

* **Risk for Peer to Peer Abuse is Higher Where:**

- ⇒ children of different sizes/ages interact
- ⇒ any place where clothes come off
- ⇒ any place that is less visibly seen