KidSafe Foundation A 501(c)3 nonprofit

MISSION: Providing Children and Adults with Education to Prevent Child Abuse, Bullying and Internet Dangers.

KidSafe Seminar for Parents

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KidSafe is on a Mission!

• To break the cycle of silence that surrounds all issues of child abuse

• To raise awareness that child abuse is an EPIDEMIC that NEEDS our attention!

• For all children and adults to learn KidSafe Language of Safety

• 40,000 children throughout South Florida have been through KidSafe Programs.

• Thousands of Adults have participated in KidSafe Trainings, Seminars and Workshops.

But it is not enough!!!
Every child **DESERVES** the **RIGHT** to be **SAFE**
Every child **DESERVES** the **RIGHT** to have a **VOICE**
Every child **NEEDS** to **KNOW** how to access **HELP**
Every adult **NEEDS** to be **EDUCATED** to be the **FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE** in a child’s **SAFETY**
KidSafe Foundation's Award Winning Children's Books

- Jack Teaches His Friends to Be Kidsafe!
- My Body Is Special and Belongs to Me!

www.kidsafefoundation.org/products
Did You Know?

• 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys will be sexually exploited by the age of 18

• The average child molester will molest 50 girls before being caught and convicted

• A child molester that seeks boys will molest 150 boys before being caught and convicted

• 30-50% of sex offenders are juveniles average age 14

90% of perpetrators are known by the family or victim! **Not Stranger Danger**
Sexual Abuse of a Child:

When any person forces, coerces, bribes, bargains, tricks, or manipulates a child into any type of sexual activity.

- can include touch and non-touching behaviors
- can occur between young children, teen and a child, or an adult and child.
Adolescent Sexual Offenders:

- Juveniles represent 30 to 50% of offenders
- Average age of an adolescent offender is 14
- Babysitting & Camp Counselor positions are the most frequent setting for adolescents to sexually abuse children.
What makes a child vulnerable?

Children with no personal safety education

- who feel unloved
- seeking attention
- who keep secrets
- who lack confidence
- self esteem issues
- expected to always obey authority
- who are loners
The Stages of Grooming

Stage 1: Friendship & Trust

Stage 2: Gifts & Rewards

Stage 3: Secrets & Threats

Stage 4: Abuse Begins
Warning Signs of Grooming:

Adults who:
- spending time with children alone
- offering to babysit
- giving gifts or money to a child
- using language – “you are my best friend”
- allowing the child to get away with inappropriate behavior
- trying to tickle, wrestle, hold, hug or kiss a child
- Adult talking to a child about problems that would normally be discussed with adults
Warning signs of grooming continued:

Adults

- invading the child’s privacy
- talking about sexual topics that are not age-appropriate
- letting the child “accidentally” see them naked
- showing pornography and naked pictures to the child (illegal)
- “accidentally” touching the child attempting to touch closer to private parts the next time.

**desensitize the child**
Is he just a friendly man at your local bakery or a registered sex offender?
Trust your instincts!
Current Law and Practice:

Florida Statute 827.07 requires mandatory reporting of all cases of child abuse. This statute applies to suspected or confirmed reports.

YOU are mandated reporters!

Florida Hotline Number: 1-800-962-2873
Most Children Don’t Report:

Predators Say:

• “If you tell I will say you are lying.”
• “I will do this to your little sister if you say no.”
• “This would really hurt your parents if they knew.”
• “If you tell, I’ll go to jail.”
• “You misunderstood.”

Children Feel:

• Responsible/At Fault
• Ashamed
• Sad
• Nervous/scared
Disclosure - What Do I Say?

An adult’s reaction to disclosure plays an important role in the beginning of the healing process for the child.

“I’m really glad you told me.”
“It took a lot of courage to tell me.”
“It is not your fault.”
“This happens to other kids.”
“We will work together to get you help.”
“You have a right to be safe.”
“Telling me was the right thing to do.”
“I will need to tell people who can help.”

Believe her when she tells you... you might be the only one she tells.
KidSafe Language of Safety

Safety Voice
Reporting
Check First
Secrets
Safe and Unsafe Touch
Circle of Safe Adults
Safety Voice

Teaching children to use an assertive voice to say “NO”
REPORTING
VS.
TATTLING
Check First:

Children will learn to Check First with their adult before they make certain safety decisions.

- leaving the classroom
- going outside to play
- helping someone older
- taking a ride in a car
- going on line
- walking away from group on field trip
LET'S KEEP THIS OUR LITTLE SECRET

Good – Happy Ending – Happy to be told – Time Limit
Bad – Scared to tell – Uncomfortable – Never Tell
If someone gives you a touch and says, “Now don’t you tell.” Don’t keep that touch a secret; tell an adult you know well.

Don’t tell your parents, this is our special secret.

If someone gives you a present and says, “Keep it a secret between you and me.” Tell a grown-up you trust immediately!
Why we need to teach Body Boundaries:

“Parents are partly to blame because they don’t tell their children about sexual stuff. I use that to my advantage by teaching the child myself.”

“Every one of my victims and their families thought there was nobody better to their kids than me, and they trusted me whole heartedly with their children.”

Quotes from Convicted Child Molesters
**Safe Touch**
- Happy
- Warm
- Cozy
- Safe
- Loving
- Comfortable

**UnSafe Touch**
- Sad
- Uncomfortable
- Mad
- Confused
- Unsafe
- Embarrassed
- Lonely
- Bad
- Disappointed
- Frightened
- Weird
Private Parts

- Covered by bathing suits
- Some children don’t know buttocks is a private part
- Teach children proper names for private parts.

I have private parts that belong just to me. They are under my bathing suit, but I won’t let you see.

You have private parts that are special, too. No one should touch them—they are meant just for YOU!
Children need to know they have RIGHTS!

• Don’t always have to obey adults

Empower children that their bodies are special and belong to them!!
Internet Safety Dangers

“Sexual predators can communicate with unparalleled and anonymous access with our children, violating the safe walls of our homes, without our knowledge. Everyone including your child, is potentially one click away from having a virtual sexual interaction or being exposed to material once only available on the black market.”

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

“The Internet has been the greatest single advancement in the history of Pedophilia.”

Detective Mark Gado
Internet Statistics:

1 in 5 children are solicited for sex

500,000 people trade images of child pornography online! Less than 2% of crimes are investigated

1 in 4 children receive unwanted material: pictures, lewd conversations and questions mostly in chat rooms!!!
Children Think They Know
Why Children Don’t Report Internet Safety Issues:

• Parents are going to over react
• Parents are going to take away computer and techno games
• Think they are going to get into trouble
• Don’t understand – so don’t think it’s a big deal
If they are using Facebook, Instagram, Vine, Snapchat (and many more) then they need to have set guidelines in order for you to keep them safe

- Password
- Parent as Friend
- Check First before adding friends
- Cyber Bullying
- Securing Privacy Settings
What are you posting?
Tools for Safety on Internet: CHECKFIRST!

What you post online stays online FOREVER!

Don’t Share Personal Information

Computer and other technology should be in open area of the house

COMPUTER CONTRACT!!!!!!!

No Chat Rooms

Guard your Password, even from your best friend!

Supervise, Supervise, Listen, Communicate
Ask you child

What if???????????
Circle of Safe Adults: Might be You

Children can:

• identify trusted adults
• list (draw) pictures of at least three adults they can go to for help
• understand their Circle of Safe Adults are the grown-ups in their lives who they can go to with any issue.
• role-play how to access help
“95% of Abuse & Exploitation is Preventable with Education!”

Child Molestation Research and Prevention Institute

“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela
Save the Date: KidSafe Gala
Saturday, March 7, 2014
Woodfield Country Club
For More Child Safety Information
visit:  www.KidSafeFoundation.org

Please connect with us through our Blog, Facebook Twitter and Instagram

Want to review KidSafe Skills with the children:
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