

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

With the on-going publicity about child sexual abuse by those who were trusted, many people are wondering how the abuse went undetected for so long.

We all need to look out for children and take action when we notice unsafe behaviour.

These are some of the things to look out for - they are common tactics of abusers.

Someone who:

- Hugs, kisses, tickles, wrestles or holds a child when they obviously don't want them to
- Tells suggestive jokes or repeatedly talks about a child's developing body or sexuality
- Creates opportunities for an older child to sleep, shower or bathe with them
- Insists on time alone with children
- Seems 'too good to be true' such as frequently babysitting different children for free, taking children on special outings alone, buying them gifts or giving them money
- Often 'accidentally' walks in on a child in the toilet or bathroom
- Views pornography involving children or visits children's chat rooms on the internet.

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE SEXUAL ABUSE, CALL POLICE OR CYF

Don't be afraid to offend an adult in order to protect a child.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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