

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE FACTS

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 20 boys self-report having been sexually abused before age 18.
- The vast majority (87%) of sexual abuse is never reported.
- It is estimated that 93% of sexual abuse victims **know their abusers**.
- Most reported sexual abusers are males; 20% are female.
- 35-50% of abusers are less than 18 years of age.

NEVADA 2015 OPINION POLL

- 8 out of 10 residents believe child sexual abuse is a serious problem in Nevada.
- 9 out of 10 citizens believe it is **preventable**.
- 94% agree that community wide efforts to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect would be helpful in reducing abuse and neglect.
- 93% believe adults and communities should take **prime responsibility** for preventing child sexual abuse.
- 66% of citizens surveyed said they would be willing to participate in local trainings to learn more about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it.



*For more information about the facts and statistics included in this brochure, please visit: www.enoughabuse.org or www.preventchildabusenevada.org

HOW TO REQUEST A FREE PRESENTATION

The Enough Abuse program has educational information, presentations, and brochures that address strategies to prevent child sexual abuse. Presentations are customized for professionals, youth serving organizations, parents, and other groups. **All presentations provide the most up-to-date information on child sexual abuse prevention.**

If you are interested in attending a presentation or wish to schedule one for your organization, please contact:

The Rape Crisis Center of Las Vegas
(702) 385-2153; emily@rcclv.org
www.rcclv.org



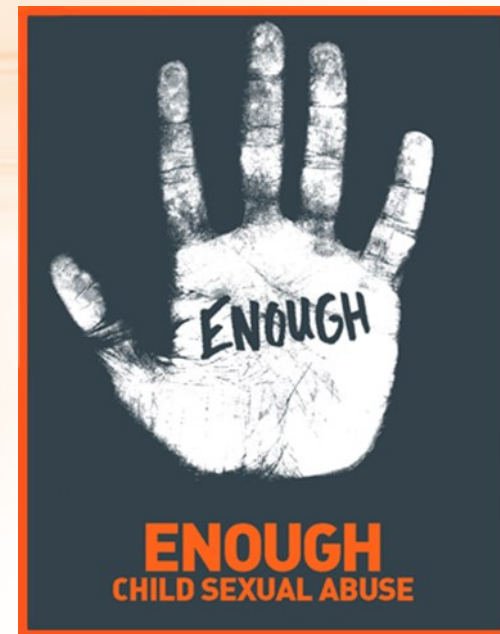
The Enough Abuse Campaign was brought to Nevada by The Rape Crisis Center of Las Vegas and Prevent Child Abuse Nevada to create widespread change to prevent child sexual abuse through engagement of parents, caregivers, youth-serving organizations and concerned citizens. The goal of the campaign is to Educate, Communicate, and Advocate to end child sexual abuse.

For more information visit:

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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE?



enough secrets.
enough shame.
enough hurt.
enough confusion.
enough denial.

Enough Child
Sexual Abuse.

WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ?

DEFINITION

Child sexual abuse includes *any sexual contact between an adult and a child or teen*. It can also include contact between children when one child is more powerful than the other because of age, size, or intellectual development. Child sexual abuse can include both touching and non-touching acts. It occurs in all socioeconomic and educational levels, across all racial and cultural groups, and in all locations.

GROOMING BEHAVIORS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN ADULTS

- Seems overly interested in your child and creates opportunities to spend time alone with him/her.
- Gives special privileges/gifts to your child.
- Befriends your family and shows more interest in a relationship with your child than with you.
- Plays with your child in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Actions seem too good to be true (free babysitting, taking your child on special outings).
- Creates opportunities to be around your child outside the context of their given role (as coach, teacher, etc.).



TIPS FOR PARENTS

The average age of reported sexual abuse is *between 9 and 10*, however all infants, toddlers, young children, and teens are considered at risk. Things you can do to reduce the risk of sexual abuse include:

1. Begin weaving prevention messages in everyday conversations with your child as early as age three, including teaching anatomically correct terms for all body parts including: Penis, vagina, and buttocks.
2. Encourage children's independence in personal self-care.
3. Increase supervision and choose group activities rather than "one child/one adult" situations.
4. Attend or organize a presentation to better understand the problem of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. Information about FREE presentations can be found on the back of this brochure.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I THINK SEXUAL ABUSE HAS OCCURRED?

1. Remain calm in your words and actions.
2. Assure the child that it was not her/his fault.
3. DO NOT investigate or ask the child to repeat multiple times what she/he has said.
4. Contact local authorities for guidance.

Statewide Child Abuse Hotline:

(800) 992-5757

Police: 311 or 911

TIPS FOR PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

Community providers are key to achieving our collective goal of ensuring that every child is safe wherever they live, learn, and play. A comprehensive child safety plan that includes these elements should be adopted by all organizations that deal with children.

- Educate staff and volunteers about child sexual abuse and its prevention as a fundamental building block for safety. Information about FREE presentations can be found on the back of this brochure. Implement policies such as:
 - Establish a comprehensive screening procedure to ensure that all employees and volunteers are properly vetted and given the tools and information to work safely with children.
 - Implement a clear protocol for responding to disclosures of sexual abuse and reporting to police and/or child protective services.
 - Establish clear and enforceable policies to assure staff and volunteers understand and do not cross boundaries (i.e. "friending" kids on social media).
 - For more ideas schedule a FREE presentation or visit: www.enoughabuse.org/for-schools-ysos/gate-keepers-for-kids.html

