

## Child Sexual Abuse

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Sexual abuse is one form of child abuse. It includes a wide range of actions between a child and an adult or older child. Often these involve body contact, but not always. Exposing one's genitals to children or pressuring them for sex is sexual abuse. Using a child for pornography is also sexual abuse.

Most sexual abusers know the child they abuse. They may be family friends, neighbors or babysitters. About one-third of abusers are related to the child. Most abusers are men. If you think a child may have been abused, it's important to report it.

### Coping

- Parenting the Sexually Abused Child(Children's Bureau) - [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f\\_abused/](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_abused/)

### Journal Articles

#### References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Family structure variations in patterns and predictors of child victimization. - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/cgi/medlineplus/pubmedsearch.pl?theURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Encbi%2Enlm%2Enih%2Egov%2Fentrez%2Fquery%2Efcgi%3Fcmd%3DRetrieve%26db%3Dpubmed%26dopt%3DAbstractPlus%26list%5Fuids%3D17535126%26tool%3DMedlinePlus>
- Article: Community notification: perceptions of its effectiveness in preventing child sexual... - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/cgi/medlineplus/pubmedsearch.pl?theURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Encbi%2Enlm%2Enih%2Egov%2Fentrez%2Fquery%2Efcgi%3Fcmd%3DRetrieve%26db%3Dpubmed%26dopt%3DAbstractPlus%26list%5Fuids%3D17522002%26tool%3DMedlinePlus>
- Article: Childhood sexual abuse, dissociation, and adult self-destructive behavior. - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/cgi/medlineplus/pubmedsearch.pl?theURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Encbi%2Enlm%2Enih%2Egov%2Fentrez%2Fquery%2Efcgi%3Fcmd%3DRetrieve%26db%3Dpubmed%26dopt%3DAbstractPlus%26list%5Fuids%3D17522001%26tool%3DMedlinePlus>
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### Directories

- CyberTipline (Child Sexual Abuse)(National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) - <http://www.cybertipline.com/>

### Organizations

- American Academy of Pediatrics - <http://www.aap.org/>
- Federal Bureau of Investigation - <http://www.fbi.gov/>

- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - <http://www.missingkids.com/>  
Also available in Spanish  
[http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PublicHomeServlet?LanguageCountry=es\\_US&](http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PublicHomeServlet?LanguageCountry=es_US&)
- National Runaway Switchboard - <http://www.1800runaway.org/>

### **Law and Policy**

- Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect(Children's Bureau) -  
[http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/statutes/manda.cfm](http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/manda.cfm)

### **Children**

- Youths and Teens Page (National Runaway Switchboard)(National Runaway Switchboard) - [http://www.1800runaway.org/youth\\_teens/youth\\_teens.html](http://www.1800runaway.org/youth_teens/youth_teens.html)

### **You may also be interested in these MedlinePlus related pages:**

- Child Abuse - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childabuse.html>
- Children and Teenagers - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childrenandteenagers.html>
- Sexual Health Issues - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/sexualhealthissues.html>

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