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The Only UK-wide Charity Dedicated Solely to Tackling Child Sexual Abuse
Media, Public Criminology and Sex Offending
Preventing Child Sexual Abuse
by
Educating the Public
Responding only after abuse is not enough
Four pre-conditions to child sexual abuse

Adapted from: D Finkelhor Child Sexual Abuse: New Theory & Research 1986

Thoughts

Sex with a child

MOTIVATION
‘Wanting to’

INTERNAL INHIBITORS
‘Conscience’

EXTERNAL INHIBITORS
‘Others’
(Creating Opportunity)

OVERCOME VICTIM RESISTANCE
‘Doing it and getting away with it’

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Comprehensive Prevention model

- Four essential targets
  - **Offenders** / potential offenders
  - **Victims** / potential victims
  - Specific **situations** in which abuse has occurred / is more likely to occur
  - **Communities/ Families**

- Three levels of prevention
  - **Primary** prevention
  - **Secondary** prevention
  - **Tertiary** prevention

- Thus, 12 points of focus for prevention efforts (4 essential targets x 3 prevention levels)
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What do you want them to do?

What do they need to know?
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Facts about Child Sexual Abuse

• Some 1 in 6 children have been sexually abused by age 17
• 8 out of 10 children know their abusers
• The vast majority of abuse is not reported to the Police
• Most sex offenders stop offending!
Who are the Abusers?

Adult Males  60 %  
Adult Females  5-10 %  
Young people and Children  30 %  +
How does it happen?
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Warning signs
Risky situations and prevention

Working to Protect Children
Welcome

...to Parents Protect, your online information and resources website. Here, we aim to raise your awareness about child sexual abuse, answer any questions you may have and give you the information you need to help to protect children.

Our Aim
Recent/current media frenzy over child pornography
- terminology
- public statements about users and victims (every image....)
Stop it Now! UK and Ireland

The Only UK-wide Campaign and Helpline Dedicated Solely to Tackling Child Sexual Abuse
Stop It Now! Helpline

Principal Target Groups:-

• Adult abusers and potential abusers: to encourage them to recognise their behaviour as abusive and seek help to change.

• Family and friends: to encourage them to recognise the signs of abusive behaviour in those close to them and to seek advice about what action to take.

• Parents and carers of young people with worrying sexual behaviour: to encourage them to recognise signs of abusive behaviour in their children and seek advice about what to do.

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## Some Lucy Faithfull Foundation Activity

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| *Hedgehogs*                  | • Stop it Now! Helpline  | • Stop it Now! Scotland Prison Project | • Inform +  
• Circles of Support and Accountability  
• Securus Monitoring  
• Stop it Now! Helpline  
• CROGA |
| **Children and Young People** | *Internet Safety Classes*  
*Hedgehogs* | • Internet Safety classes for at risk groups  
• Inform YP | • I FW therapy |
| **Communities / Families** | • Parents Protect  
• Internet Safety Seminars (Prim’y)  
• Stop it Now! Materials  
• BAMER (Somali) | • Parents Protect +  
• Stop it Now! Helpline  
• Inform YP  
• Internet Safety seminars (Secondary) | • Inform  
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Child sexual abuse - preventable, not inevitable!
Thanks for your attention

Leaflets!

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