

TEN TACTICS OF SEXUAL PREDATORS

You can protect vulnerable people by identifying, reporting and preventing strategies used by sexual predators.



1. Predators target vulnerable people **via the support adults** around them. They 'groom' the adults around the person in order to pave the way for access to the person.

2. Predators build trust by **acting as if they trust** the support adults and the person. This creates a dynamic of reciprocity where others feels they can or should return the trust.



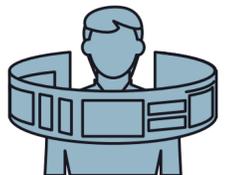
3. Predators take opportunities to be helpful. They **create feelings of indebtedness** on the part of the person and/or family.

4. Perpetrators **insinuate themselves** into situations where they they can build on feelings of indebtedness in order to increase access to the person.



5. Predators **make the person feel special** by paying them attention, which also singles them out and prepares them for being isolated.

6. Predators **isolate the person**, eg. by engaging them in activities in which family members are not interested in participating



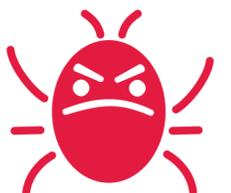
7. Predators **create secrecy** with the person by sharing thoughts or comments that are "just between us".

8. Predators lead the person to believe that the support adults/family don't understand or appreciate the person; that only the perpetrator really cares and that **they are in a loving relationship**.



9. Predators **expose the person** to nudity, sexual material and sexual acts, either openly or by pretending that it was accidental.

10. Perpetrators **control the relationship** through lies, coercion, threats and violence.



If you know, or have a reasonable suspicion that:

- an NDIS participant is at risk of being abused, report it to the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission by calling 1800 035 544 or at: <https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/providers/ndis-commission-portal>
- a person receiving aged care is at risk of being abused you should report it to the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission by calling 1800 951 822 or at: <https://www.agedcarequality.gov.au/making-complaint>
- abuse is being perpetrated by a register health professional you should report to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency at: <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Notifications/Concerned-about-a-health-practitioner.aspx>