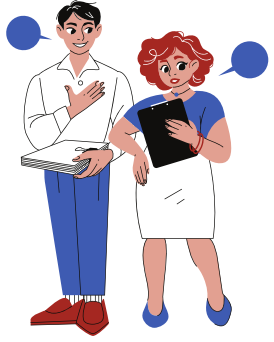


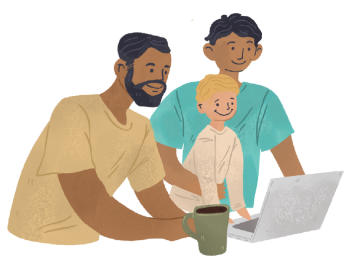
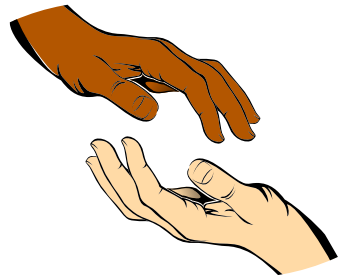
TEN TACTICS OF SEXUAL PREDATORS

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



1. Predators target vulnerable children **via adults**. They 'groom' the adults around the child to pave the way for them to access to the child.

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



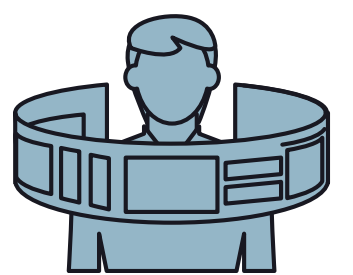
3. Predators take opportunities to be helpful. They **create feelings of indebtedness** on the part of the child and/or family.

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



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

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



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

8. Predators lead the child to believe that the family doesn't understand or appreciate the child; that only the perpetrator really cares and that **they are in a loving relationship**.



9. Predators **expose the child** 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 a child is at risk of being abused you **MUST** report it :

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