Introduction to the 
Talking About Touching 
Child Personal Safety Curriculum

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Introductions
An informational overview of a child personal safety prevention curriculum.

Talking About Touching®
A Personal Safety Curriculum

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You Will Leave Today’s Training

• With an understanding why it is important to teach children about abuse prevention

• With an understanding why abuse prevention is best taught along with other general safety lessons

• Feeling a little more comfortable about talking with children about personal safety

• With knowledge why children may not tell you if they have been abused

• With an overview of the *Talking About Touching* abuse prevention curriculum
The Scope of the Problem

• 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys will be sexually abused before reaching 18 years of age
• 80% - 90% of abusers are known, loved and trusted by the child
• Child abuse happens in all racial, religious, ethnic and economic groups
• Only 2% of child sexual abuse occurs in daycare settings
• 3% of child sexual abuse is violent (as opposed to 97% that is manipulative)
• 1/3 of all cases of child abuse involve children under the age of 5
Why Don’t Children Tell if They Experience Abuse?
Children May Not Tell Because…..

- Bribed
- Too young
- Fearful
- Threatened
- Want affection
- Told that abuse is normal

- Want to please adults
- Feel guilty
- Don’t have the language to tell
- Don’t know who to tell
What We Can Do
Teach Children the Way They Naturally Learn
Children Can Learn

- Using developmentally appropriate methods
- Having skills modeled for them
- Having time to practice
- Repetition
- Using “What If” situations
- When making lessons fun and engaging
- Make family safety rules, place them where everyone can see and practice often
Use A Good Personal Safety Program

• One that Focuses on General Safety

• Introduce Personal Safety Along Side All General Safety Discussions (e.g. Fire, Gun Safety)

• Use Safety Rules – Not Feelings

• Children Learn What to do if Someone Breaks a Safety Rule

• Allow Children to Practice

• Help Children Identify Who to Tell

• Remind Children it’s Never Too Late to Tell Someone That Something Has Happened
Personal Safety Rules & Steps

**Touching Rule**

No one should touch your private body parts except to keep you clean and healthy

**Safety Steps**

If someone breaks the touching rules,

- Say NO!
- Get Away
- Tell a Grown up

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Who Can Children Tell?

Remind children it is never too late to tell someone.
Joey Learns the Touching Rule

7 minute DVD on the touching rule and safety steps
Family Safety Rules

Involvement in their child learning about personal safety is important.
Babysitting and Dating Guidelines
Thank you for attending