



Child Advocacy Center
of Sedgwick County

RECOGNIZE | RESPOND | REPORT

Sexual Abuse

If a child is in imminent danger, please call 911, and make a report with the Kansas Protection Report Center at 1-800-922-5330

Recognize:

- Abuse that includes fondling or touching a child or making a child fondle or touch an adult in a manner meant to sexually stimulate the perpetrator, child, or another person. This includes penetration of a child's vagina, anus, or mouth with a penis or other object, no matter how slight.
- Non-touching sexual abuse of a child includes exposing the child to pornographic material, indecent exposure or exhibitionism, or intentionally exposing a child to sexual acts.
- Sexual exploitation includes soliciting or engaging a child for the purpose of prostitution, attempting to groom or exposing a child to sexually deviant imagery or enticement online or through social media, or including a child in the filming, photographing, or modeling of pornography.
- Sudden changes in behavior, school performance, friends or attempts to withdraw and be alone are common indicators that something is going on.
- Aggression from the child over their personal phone or gaming console when asked to view the device or social media platform.

How NOT to respond:

- Do not lose your composure.
- Children rarely lie about being abused, don't try to determine if a disclosure is true.
- Do not confront the offender. This could be dangerous, and could interfere with the investigation.
- Do not use body language that could display anger or disappointment.
- Are you telling me the truth?
- Why did you let that happen?
- Why didn't you stop him/her?
- You must feel awful about that.
- He/She didn't mean to do that, let me know if it happens again.

How to Respond:

- Write down everything the child told you.
- Save all evidence of contact: emails, messages, photos etc
- I believe you.
- It's not your fault.
- I don't know what happens next, but I will help you.
- I'm glad you told me.
- I'm upset, but not at you.

Report:

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