

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Starts at Home

- ⇒ Child molesters are often trusted family members or friends.
- ⇒ Reduce alone time with adults and older children or drop-in unexpectedly.
- ⇒ Talk casually, frequently and openly with your children about their bodies, sex and boundaries. (Age 8 is time to talk about sex.)
- ⇒ Remind your child that seeing, touching or photographing anyone's private parts is not allowed. "It's against the rules."
- ⇒ Watch for sudden changes: drugs, alcohol, rebellion, withdrawal or depression.
- ⇒ Believe your child if they tell you someone is breaking "the rules". STAY CALM. Ask open-ended questions, "What happened next?"
Call **1-800-4-A-CHILD** for advice.
- ⇒ Watch for adults pressing boundaries with a child. Step-in with clear limits and solutions.