



# Child Sexual Abuse Can Happen ANYWHERE ANYTIME TO ANY CHILD

## I Hope and Pray...

that your child is never faced with anything as devastating as Sexual Abuse. Believe me, I know this is not something you would like to think about. It's upsetting and disturbing to say the least. You may be thinking...“That could never happen to my child”. Unfortunately & as statistics show, Child Sexual Abuse does happen & it happens often to countless numbers of children... the most innocent and helpless of victims. I urge you to think about this... these “statistics” are made up of real children of all ages. As a Parent, I offer this advice...**1) Never assume that just because you know where your child is & who they are with, that this could not happen to them. 2) Never assume that if this happens or is happening to your child that they will tell you..** Sexual Predators know how to silence children. And as a Parent, your understanding of this horrific crime is imperative for your child's safety. **SO WHAT CAN YOU DO...**



**1 out of 5 boys**  
**will be Sexually Abused by their 18th Birthday**  
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**1 in 10 Homes**  
**are involved in Child Sexual Abuse; a Leading Cause of Child Prostitution and Teen Suicide**

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## What You Can Do...

### 1) Learn as much as you can...

The primary purpose of our Interactive Awareness/Prevention Workshops is to help educate adults (Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, etc...) on this horrible crime against innocent children. We call our Workshops “A Safe Place” as that is the goal... **America... A Safe Place for Children.** Knowledge will help you feel empowered & give you the tools needed to educate your child. The 8 Major Topics of Discussion at our Workshops are... 1) The Truth & Reality of Child Sexual Abuse 2) What Child Sexual Abuse Is & Is Not 3) Signs & Symptoms of the Sexually Abused Child 4) The Statistics 5) Information on the Abuser 6) Information on “The System” 7) Message to Parents 8) Message to Survivors. Be sure to visit us at [www.speakingout-csa.com](http://www.speakingout-csa.com) to access the same information presented at our workshops.

### 2) Talk to your Child...

As Parents, we talk to our children about the importance of education and the dangers of drugs & alcohol... just to name a few. We even tell our little ones that no one should ever touch their “private parts”. We like to think that if anyone did touch them, they would tell us. After all, most younger children cannot keep a secret, right? In addition, we teach our children to “never talk to strangers”. The problem with stopping there is that 95% of children who are Sexually Abused know their Abuser. These Sexual Predators are not strangers in most cases. I fear and am certain that by not talking to children specifically about Sexual Abuse, Parents may be unknowingly enabling their child to be “easy prey” for Sexual Predators. You cannot protect your child from Sexual Abuse without talking to them about Incest, Molestation & Rape; at an age-appropriate level, of course. Children need to know the dangers out there. They need to know that if this happens or is happening to them that they can come to you. They need to know that no matter who may be doing this to them, that you will believe them. They need to feel safe to “tell” on their Abuser. I want to stress again that

**Estimated that a child is Sexually Abused EVERY 2 MINUTES**

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most children are sexually abused & silenced by someone they know and far too many are abused by someone they love. A child is generally very trusting of those in authority over them. This in turn makes a child the most vulnerable of all victims. The younger the child, the more trusting. Abused children of all ages do keep this secret in most cases. Please understand this.

### 3) Tell Others...

The more Parents who are aware of the reality & possibility of Child Sexual Abuse and the more children who know about the dangers, the safer our children will be... All Children. It's time we send a message to those who prey on innocent children by...

It is **Not** our Intent to raise panic; rather to **Raise Awareness** in an effort to aid in the **Prevention** of this horrific crime against children.

If *SpeakingOut* helps 1 child, it has been worth our efforts.