

Did you know?

Child sexual abuse is a global problem

Child sexual abuse occurs in all countries of the world. Even our community is not immune from child sexual abuse. The majority of abusers in any given community will be local.

Victims of sexual abuse can be girls and boys

Both girls and boys can be victims of sexual abuse. Third gender children or children who are exploring their sexuality can be at increased risk. Children with disabilities (all types of disabilities) can also be at increased risk. Sexual abuse can happen to any child from any background.

An abuser is often someone known to the child

Child sex abusers are often a member of the family, the community or someone in a position of trust.

Abusers can befriend victims and their families

Abusers often build friendships with the victim and their family as a way to 'hide' their abuse.

Child sexual abuse can occur in the context of tourism

A small minority of foreigners use travel as an opportunity to sexually abuse children. Travelling child sex offenders are tourists, travellers or foreign residents who commit child sexual abuse in the country or countries in which they are living or visiting.

Children often do not tell an adult about abuse

For many reasons, children often stay silent about abuse. Look for signs, rather than waiting for children to report.

All children have the right to protection

All children around the world have the right to protection from all forms of abuse. As adults, it is our responsibility to protect children from harm. Children should never be blamed for their abuse.