

Why teach you about sexual exploitation and sexual abuse?

- **so you will know how to avoid being abused**
- **so you will know what to do if you are (or have been) abused**
- **so you can help a friend who is being (or has been) abused**
- **so you will never be a sexual abuser**
- **so you will never falsely accuse someone of sexual abuse**

**An adult who uses a child or teen for sexual pleasure is called a PEDOPHILE.
This serious disorder is called
PEDOPHILIA.**

A pedophile may be a:

family member: father, mother, brother, or sister

relative: aunt, uncle, grandparent, or cousin

adult leader: teacher, coach, scout leader, priest or nun

friend: teenager, friend of parents, neighbor, or babysitter

stranger: Internet user, truck driver, bus driver, or shopper

How does a pedophile operate?

**How do young people
get pulled into his/her web?**

- **gets them alone**
- **gives them alcohol or drugs**
- **gives them presents**
- **makes promises**
- **builds trust**
- **plays on their natural curiosity about sex**
- **shows sexual movies, videos, or pictures**

- **takes sexual pictures**
- **touches them in a sexual way**
- **forces them to do sexual things**
- **swears them to secrecy**
- **threatens to hurt them or someone else if they tell**
- **blames them for what happened**

**How would a person feel who has
been abused sexually?**

CONFUSED

Bad Feelings:

- **scared**
- **embarrassed**
- **ashamed**
- **guilty**
- **hurt**
- **dirty**
- **used**

Good Feelings:

- **special**
- **excited**
- **loved**
- **grown up**
- **accepted**

**YOUTH sometimes do sexual acts
because they**

- **are curious**
- **feel peer pressure**
- **want to act grown up**
- **want to feel powerful**
- **want to feel excitement**

**What does a person
who has been (or is being)
sexually abused need to know?**

- **God loves you.**
- **You are good. The abuse is bad.**
- **Sexual abuse is not your fault.**
- **Sexual abuse is like a serious wound that needs to be healed.**
- **The wound won't go away. It will fester if you don't deal with it.**
- **Talk to someone you trust. Keep talking until you find someone who can help you heal.**

**If a friend tells you he/she has been
abused, help the person find an adult
who can help.**