

Red Flag Checklist

The following list of behaviours represents behaviours that could indicate a pattern of sexually intrusive behaviour. No single category however, would be indicative.

- Is cruel to animals
- Prefers to stay with younger/smaller children
- Masturbates in public
- Thinks/talks too much about sex
- Excessive masturbation; “humps” pillows; rocks on genital area
- Fears that he/she might do something bad
- Behaves like the opposite sex
- Bowel movements outside of the toilet
- Frequent swearing or obscene language
- Exposes self, fondles others, sex play (acts out sexually)
- Frequently goes off on his/her own
- Likes to play where adults are not usually present
- Shows quick and vicious temper
- Has history of placement in institutions, group homes, foster homes
- Has a history of physical or sexual abuse
- Has witnessed physical or sexual abuse
- Volunteers to baby sit, change diapers, dress younger children
- Wants to take baths with other children
- Is unpopular; other children do not want to play with him/her
- Plays “weird” games – games you may not have heard before



- Grabs at other’s genital area, rubs against them, fondles
- Has toilet difficulties (excessive amounts of paper, refuses to change dirty underwear, smears feces, soils pants, does not wipe self, etc.)
- Has been found in odd places (i.e. behind buildings, in bushes, back lanes, etc.)
- Frequently wants friends to sleep over
- Obsession with violent and/or sexual material (movies, books)
- Becomes extremely angry and/or irrational when sleep overs are denied
- Likes to watch TV with others covered by a blanket

Not any one behaviour alone indicates intrusive pattern

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