

## Safety Tips from a Convicted Child Molester

- Give quality love, time and attention to your child so that he or she won't look for it elsewhere.
- Know the people who are involved with your child who are in a position of trust, even a relative or close friend.
- Be aware of an adult or older child who spends a large amount of time with your child, or seems to be focused on your child.
- Be aware if your child is avoiding a particular person that they used to be comfortable with.
- Be aware of your child spending a lot of time with or talking about an adult or someone older who is not a parent or guardian.
- If you suspect that your child has been abused, ask him or her in a caring, non-threatening way. Do not accuse.
- Let your child know that he or she does not have to keep secrets. Many times shame will keep children silent.
- Believe your child when he or she says there has been abuse, no matter who it is.
- If you believe abuse is going on with your child, act on that belief.

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