

Adult Behavior That May Signal Sexual Interest in Children Remember: Children are most often molested by someone they know, or whom the parent knows. Do you know an adult or child who...

- Refuses to let a child set any of his or her own limits?
- Insists on hugging, touching, kissing, tickling, wrestling with or holding a child even when the child does not want this affection?
- Is overly interested in the sexuality of a particular child or teen (e.g., talks repeatedly about the child's developing body or interferes with normal teen dating)?
- Manages to get time alone or insists on time alone with a child without interruptions?
- Spends most of his/her spare time with children and has little interest in spending time with someone their own age?
- Regularly offers to babysit many different children for free or takes children on overnight outings alone?
- Buys children expensive gifts or gives them money for no apparent reason?
- Frequently walks in on children/teens in the bathroom?
- Allows children or teens to consistently get away with inappropriate behaviors?
- Talks again and again about the sexual activities of children or teens?
- Talks about sexual fantasies with children and is not clear about what's okay with children?
- Encourages silence and secrets in a child?
- Looks at child pornography?
- Asks adult partners to dress or act like a child or teen during sexual activity?
- Often has a "special" child friend, maybe a different one from year to year?
- Spends most spare time on activities involving children or teens, not adults?
- Makes fun of a child's body parts, calls a child sexual names such as "stud", "whore", or "slut"?

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