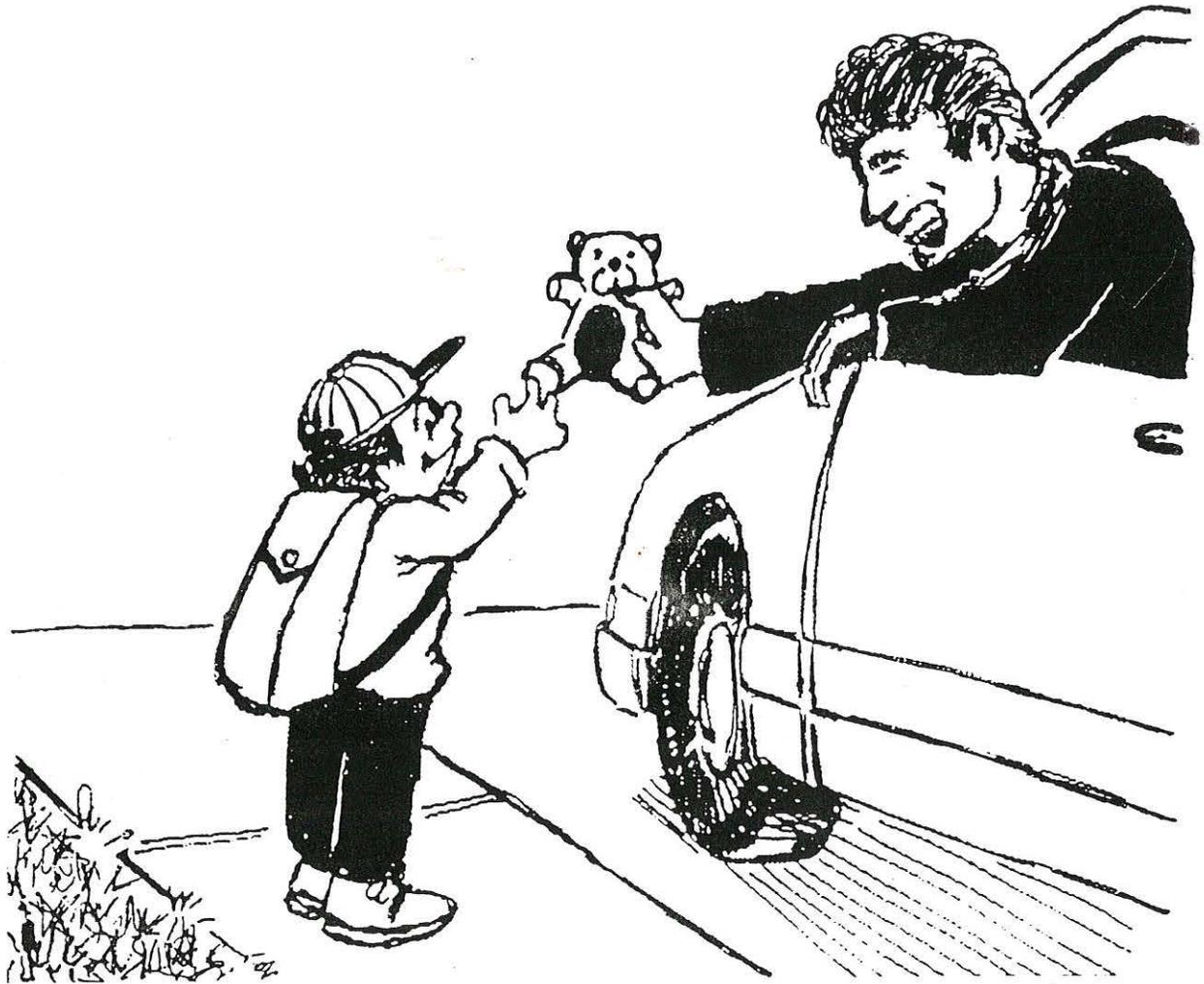


# ***STREET SAFE KIDS***

*Protecting children from sexual predators – a street-proofing manual*



*“Street Safe Kids is one of the most comprehensive self-defense and street-proofing courses available. We strongly recommend that parents enroll their children in this ‘hands-on’ program.”*

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## *P*edophiles

Pedophiles are people who are sexually attracted to prepubescent children (boys and girls). Ephebophiles are people who are sexually attracted to children in puberty or just emerging from puberty.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice there are approximately 4 million practicing pedophiles in the United States, ranging from their late teens to their late seventies. Two thousand adult women each year are accused of having sexual relations with young children often in tandem with a boyfriend or husband.

Not all child molesters are pedophiles. They come in all kinds of shapes, sizes, races, sexes, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds and are motivated by a variety of influences and experiences. Some are passive, non-aggressive individuals while others are twisted and sadistic. In many ways, they are actually seeking love and affection, but in a distorted, unnatural way.

They seem to have two sides to their personalities. On one hand, they may be the most loving parents, kindly uncles and aunts, shy brothers and sisters, or generous, caring neighbors. On the other hand, they are responsible for committing the most hideous of crimes - the unspoken crime - a crime that leaves a lifelong scar on the mind of the child victim they target.

Pedophiles are found in all professions; pediatricians, photographers, priests, Scout leaders, teachers, Big Brothers/Sisters, coaches, police officers, and so forth. They have jobs or do volunteer work that bring them into contact with the targeted victims - children. Almost half of the known child molesters in the United States have used their profession to gain access to child victims. They tend to move from place to place and have a knack for getting people to trust them. A high percentage of these pedophiles are white, middle to upper class males, who work in skilled and white-collar professions. Many experts estimate that at least 3% of males and less than 1% of females in any profession have pedophilic tendencies.

We cannot pick them out from the people who live and work within our communities. They do not have a glazed look in their eyes and do not act weird when around children. In fact, they work extremely hard at being viewed as "normal" so that their outrageous behavior will not be suspected in any which way by the adults around them.

A high percentage of pedophiles are married or in steady relationships and have children of their own. These men and women usually have sexual relationships

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with adult women and men, but children (either boys, girls or both) are their primary sexual attraction. Louis R. Mizell Jr. states that on the average, by the time a pedophile has been arrested he has already molested fifty children.

Most experts believe that there is no "cure" for pedophilia. European studies have shown that chemical neutralization (or chemical castration) injected into convicted child molesters seems to be helping in decreasing sharply their warped appetite, but it goes without saying that known child molesters should not have unsupervised access to children even if they have received every kind of therapy available. "The only way to predict if a man or woman will molest a child in the future is to find out if that person has sexually abused a child in the past." People who are attracted to children can be stopped but can never be changed. The problem is located between their ears, not their legs.

"Most pedophiles believe that their sexuality is natural, harmless, and an integral part of their personality and would not change even if there was a cure. They believe that pedophilia is a sexual preference like heterosexuality or homosexuality and that it is not an illness." (Street Sense For Parents: Louis R. Mizell, Jr., 1995).

Although most victims of child sexual abuse do not become sexual offenders, research shows that in many cases, these child predators were molested as children. Because they were devastated from the abuse they experienced as children, they in turn attempt to fulfill distorted needs as adults, by drawing in vulnerable children.

The one characteristic that is common to all pedophiles is that they do overwhelming emotional and psychological harm to children. These young victims carry this irreversible damage into adulthood and like any scar, its presence can be seen and felt long after the wound has healed. Their sexual preference for children usually begins during their early adolescence.

"When a pedophile touches a child's body, he is also touching a mind and a soul. A pedophile kills a child's spirit." (Street Sense For Parents: Louis R. Mizell, Jr., 1995).

Extensive research conducted by Supervisory Special Agent Kenneth V. Lanning of the F.B.I.'s Behavioral Science Unit states that child molesters have been shown to fall into two general categories: Situational and Preferential child molesters.

**1. Situational Child Molesters:** Situational child molesters are not primarily attracted to children. Their sexual fantasies do not necessarily focus on children. They take advantage of an opportunity to have sex with a child because children are simply weak, vulnerable, or available. We generally see four behavior patterns emerging in Situational child molesters:

**a) Regressive behavior :** Personality regression (low self-esteem and poor coping skills) or a precipitating stress in their life - coercing the child into having sex, doing acts they are embarrassed or ashamed to request or do with their adult partner or substituting a child victim for the troubled adult relationship.

**b) Morally indiscriminate behavior :** He is an impulsive person who has no conscience or morals. He selects children because of their vulnerability and if the opportunity comes along 'why not.' He is a sexual experimenter and typically uses force, lures, or manipulation to obtain his victims. Most sexually motivated child murderers profiled involved this type of morally indiscriminate behavior.

**c) Sexually indiscriminate behavior :** He is basically what we call a 'try sexual' - someone willing to try anything sexual that's new and different. He has no real sexual inclination for children, but appears to have sex with them out of pure boredom. These abused children may be his own which he provides to other adults as part of group sex, spouse-swapping, or even as part of some bizarre ritual experiment. He is motivated by sexual experimentation with young vulnerable children who are not threatening or judgmental and can be easily used to carry out his bizarre sexual fantasies. He is by far the most likely to have multiple victims, be from a higher socioeconomic background, and collect pornography and erotica.

**d) Inadequate behavior :** These individuals are the social misfits of society which include those suffering mental deficiencies such as: psychoses, eccentric personality disorders, mental retardation, and senility. They select children out of insecurity and curiosity allowing them to freely explore their sexual fantasies. They seem to have great difficulty expressing anger and hostility. Often their sexual activity with children is the result of a frustrating build-up of impulses which explode, resulting in cruel sexual torture for their poor victims. Most sexually motivated child murderers profiled were involved in this type of molesting behavior.

**2. Preferential Child Molesters (pedophiles) :** Pedophiles have a real sexual inclination for children. They are sexually attracted to, and in fact, prefer children as sexual partners. Pedophilia is a way of life for this child molester. They spend much of their time trying to convince others, but primarily themselves, that they are good people and not evil sexual deviants who give love to, and receive love from, children. They rationalize their immoral behavior by claiming that they 'love' children and only have sex with those children who voluntarily 'consent.' Some pedophile groups even have regular newsletters informing others on such topics as: Tip of the month; New and improved child seduction techniques; Preferred sexual positions, etc.

A preferential child molester's sexual fantasies and erotic imagery obsessively fixate on children. Puberty seems to be an important dividing line for many pedophiles. Many have an age and gender preference for their numerous victims. Boys are generally preferred over girls, but the younger the child victim, the more likely the predator will molest both sexes. The older the age preference of the pedophile, the more exclusive the gender preference.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the four major characteristics of preferential child molesters are:

### **2.1 Long term and persistent patterns of behavior :**

- a. Sexual abuse in the background - former victim.
- b. Limited social contact as a teenager.
- c. Frequent and unexpected moves. If discovered, asked to leave town.
- d. Prior arrests for child molestation or sexual abuse. Multiple victims.
- e. Planned, repeated, or high-risk attempts.
- f. Lives alone or with parents. Limited dating relationships if not married.
- g. If married, he has a 'special' relationship either with a strong, domineering woman or a weak, passive one with low sexual needs.
- h. Excessive interest in children.
- i. Associates and circle of friends are young. Limited adult friends.
- j. Age and gender preference in children.
- k. Refers to children as 'clean,' 'pure,' 'innocent,' 'impish,' 'objects' etc. They sometimes have an idealistic view of children that is expressed in their language and writing.

**2.2 Children as preferred sexual objects .**

**2.3 Well developed techniques in obtaining victims :**

- a. Skilled at identifying vulnerable victims.
- b. Identifies with children better than with adults.
- c. Has access to children.
- d. Activity with children, often excluding other adults.
- e. Seduces with attention, affection, & gifts. Skilled at manipulating children.
- f. Has hobbies and interests appealing to children.
- g. Shows sexually explicit material to children.



**2.4 Sexual fantasies focusing on children :**

- a. Youth oriented decorations and items in house or room.
- b. Has photography of children.
- c. Collects child pornography and erotica (cherished sexual fantasies).



Their consistent sexual behavior frequently involves the concept of *sexual ritual* (an act or series of acts performed in a certain manner for the purpose of arousal or gratification). This ritual is generally fueled by erotic imagery and fantasy and can be extremely bizarre in nature.

The odds of preferential child molester's being identified, apprehended, and convicted are generally very high due to their highly predictable sexual behavior and their never-ending hunger for frequent, repeated sex with children. We generally see three behavioral patterns emerging in Preferential child molesters:



**3. *Seduction Preferential Child Molesters:*** These master seducers know how to talk and listen to children. They generally have an established system or are in an authoritative position which allows them access and non-offense contact with children. They typically select children who are victims of some kind of emotional or physical neglect. Many of these seducers are simultaneously involved with multiple victims and operate what is known as a 'child sex ring'. They court their prey over a period of time showering them with attention, affection, and gifts. Once the child's trust has been gained, they begin the gradual process of lowering the victim's sexual inhibitions.

The '*Seduction Preferential Child Molester's* greatest hurdle is not in targeting and obtaining child victims but rather in finding ways of ending their relationship

with them. Once the child is too old for this child molester's sexual taste, the offender has to figure out some way of ending the affair and getting rid of their victim without any outside knowledge of their love affair. Victim disclosure often occurs when the offender is striving to terminate the relationship.

**4. *Introverted Preferential Child Molesters*** : These child molesters lack the interpersonal skills necessary to seduce children and typically engage their targeted victim in a minimal amount of verbal communication. How old the child looks is much more important than how old the child acts and behaves. The '*Introverted Preferential Child Molester*' usually preys on very young children or kidnaps and molests children with whom they have had little, if any, prior contact.

They are most likely to hang around playgrounds, schoolyards, and other areas where children congregate, watching them and trying to engage them in brief sexual encounters. Utilizing the services of a child prostitute, making obscene phone calls and 'flashing' or exposing themselves to children are some of the many ways they have used to get sexually fulfilled. Some go as far as marrying a woman and having their own children so they can molest them from infancy. In order for a pedophile to engage in sexual relations with his wife, he must create a fantasy letting his imagination take over. To aid in this phantasm some pedophiles have their wives dress, talk, or behave like children.

**5. *Sadistic Preferential Child Molesters*** : This offender is one sick puppy. He has a sexual preference for children, but gets aroused or gratified, by inflicting psychological and physical pain or suffering on their child victims. His big kick is to see how his prey responds to the infliction of pain and suffering. This violence and abuse is a carefully planned component of the assault and control process.

The '*Sadistic Preferential Child Molester*' is the most likely of all the '*Preferential Child Molesters*' to kidnap, torture and even murder child victims who they have had little, if any, prior contact with.



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