



# CHILD ABUSE, ASSAULT & BULLYING

## Child sexual abuse includes



Any sexual act between an adult and a minor, or between two minors, when one asserts power over the other.



Non-contact acts such as exhibitionism, exposure to pornography, voyeurism, and communicating in a sexual manner in person, by phone, or via the Internet.



Forcing, coercing or persuading a child to engage in any type of sexual act.

## Bullying

Bullying is an attempt to wield power over another person or group. It may be physical, emotional, or social.



### Physical bullying

Physical bullying includes: pushing, shoving, hitting, fighting, spitting, and tripping, as well as threats of physical harm and attempts to force people to act in particular ways.



### Emotional bullying

Emotional bullying, which may be done in person or through the Internet, involves insults, derogatory remarks, name calling, teasing, or deliberately misplacing or hiding someone's belongings.



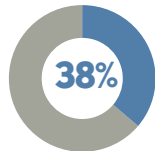
### Social bullying

Social bullying is manifested as an attempt to ostracize or ignore the victim.

## Magnitude of the problem



One in every 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday



Only about 38% of child victims **disclose the fact that they have been sexually abused.**

The median age for reported abuse is nine years old.



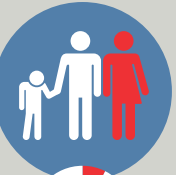
Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults occur to children **ages 17 and under.**

## Characteristics of the abusers



About 90% of children who are victims of sexual abuse know their abuser.

Approximately 30% of children who are sexually abused are abused by family members.



Females constitute 7% of juveniles who commit sex offenses.



Children living without either parent are 10 times more likely to be sexually abused than children that live with both parents.



Children who live with a **single parent that has a live-in partner** are 20 times more likely to be victims of child sexual abuse than children living with both parents.



Juveniles are the offenders in 43% of the assaults on children under age six. **Of these offenders, 14% are under age 12.**



Children who live in **rural areas** are almost two times more likely to be identified as victims of child sexual abuse than urban residents.



Children who witness or are the victims of other crimes are significantly more likely to be sexually abused.



Juveniles who commit sex offenses against other children are more likely than adult offenders to offend in groups at school, and to have more male victims and younger victims.



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