

## Range of Sexual Behaviors of Children

### Normal

- Genital or reproductive conversations with peers or similar age siblings
- "Show me yours/I'll show you mine" with peers
- Playing "doctor"
- Occasional masturbation without penetration
- Imitating seduction (kissing, flirting)
- Dirty words or jokes within cultural or peer group norm

### Yellow Flags

- Preoccupation with sexual themes (especially sexually aggressive)
- Attempting to expose other's genitals (pulling another's skirt up or pants down.)
- Sexually explicit conversation with peers
- Sexual graffiti (particularly chronic or impacting individuals, such as naming someone in threats or humiliation)
- Precocious sexual knowledge
- Sexual innuendo/teasing/embarrassment of others
- Single occurrences of peeping/exposing/obscenities/pornographic interest/frottage
- Preoccupation with masturbation
- Mutual masturbation/group masturbation
- Simulating foreplay with dolls or peers with clothing on

### Red Flags

- Sexually explicit conversations with someone of significant age difference
- Touching genitals of others
- Degradation/humiliation of self or others with "sexual themes"
- Forced exposure of others' genitals
- Inducing fear/threats of force
- Sexually explicit proposals/threats, including written notes
- Repeated or chronic peeping /exposing/obscenities/pornographic interest/frottage
- Compulsive masturbation/task interruption to masturbate
- Vaginal penetration with object during female masturbation
- Simulating intercourse with dolls, peers, animals

### Evaluate/Refer

- Oral, vaginal, anal penetration of dolls, children, animals
- Forced touching of genitals
- Simulating intercourse with peers with clothing off
- Any genital injury of bleeding not explained by accidental cause

## Range of Adolescent Sexual Behaviors

### Normal

- Sexually explicit conversation with peers
- Obscenities and joke within cultural norms
- Sexual innuendo, flirting, courtship
- Interest in erotica
- Solitary masturbation
- Hugging, kissing, holding hands
- Foreplay (petting, making out, fondling)
- Mutual masturbation

### Yellow Flags

- Sexual preoccupation/anxiety
- Pornographic interest
- Promiscuity
- Sexual graffiti (especially chronic or impacting individuals such as naming the person in threats or humiliation)
- Embarrassment of others with sexual themes
- Violation of others' body space
- Pulling skirt up or pants down
- Single occurrences of peeping, exposing, frottage with known age-mates
- Mooning and obscene gestures

### Red Flags

- Compulsive masturbation (especially chronic or public)
- Degradation/humiliation of self or others' genitals
- Attempting to expose others' genitals
- Chronic preoccupation with sexually aggressive pornography
- Sexually explicit conversation with significantly younger children
- Touching genitals without permission (grabbing, goosing)
- Sexually explicit threats (verbal or written)

### Black Flags (Illegal behaviors defined by law)

- Obscene phone calls, voyeurism, exhibitionism, frottage
- Sexual contact with someone of significant age difference (child sexual abuse)
- Forced sexual contact (sexual assault)
- Forced penetration (rape)
- Sexual contact with animals (bestiality)
- Genital injury to others

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