

safeguarding

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Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

Participant workbook
For Parents and Congregations

Group Discussion.

How do perpetrators of abuse gain access to children?

What keeps children who are abused from telling?

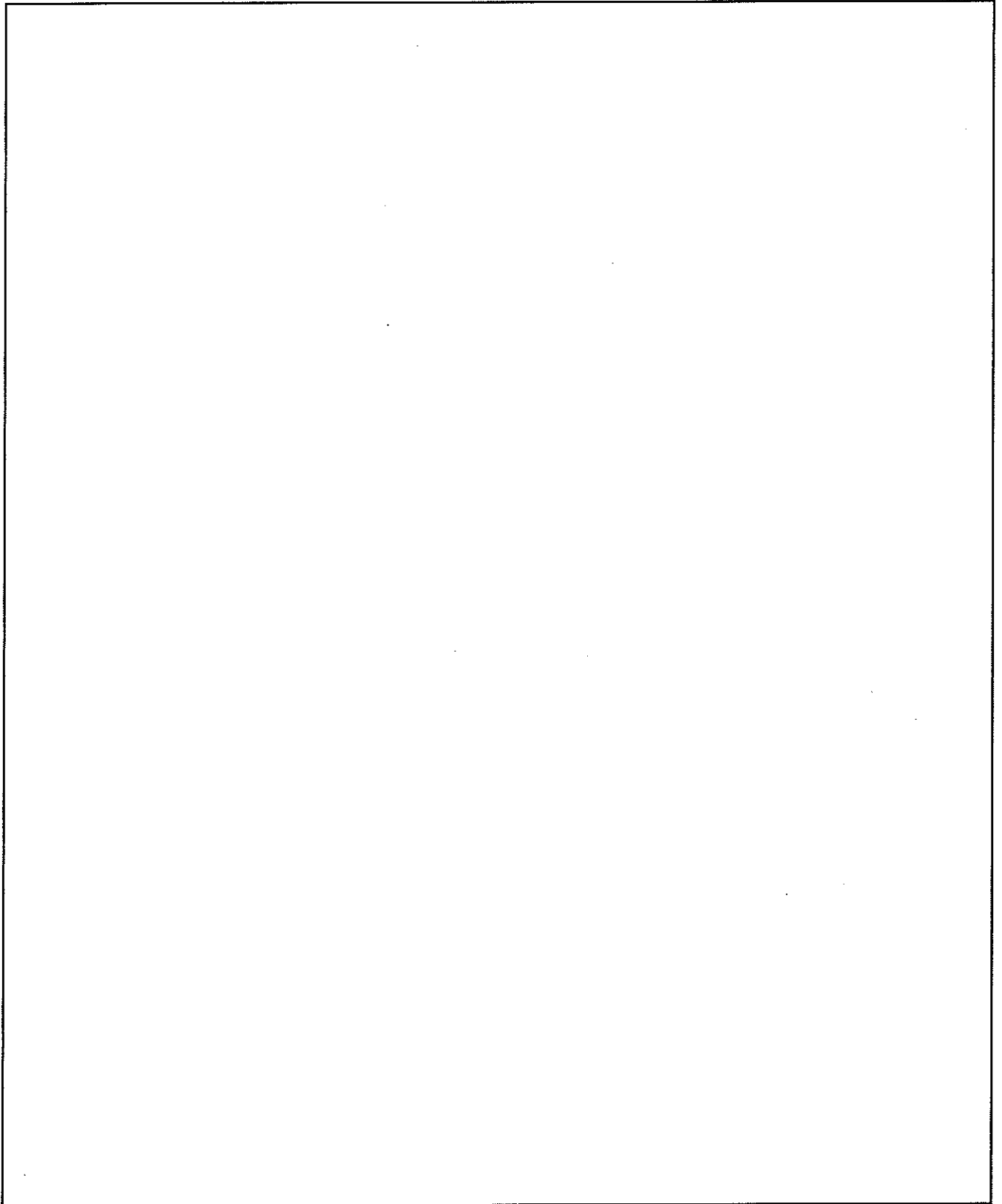
How common is child sexual abuse?

Separating the Facts from the Myths.

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Watch for warning signs... in adults.

There are three types of sexual offenders of children.



Watch for warning signs... in adults.

Physical Boundary Violations are one type of warning sign in adults.

What are some examples of Physical Boundary Violations?

Why do perpetrators of abuse use Physical Boundary Violations?

Watch for warning signs... in adults.

Emotional Boundary Violations are another type of warning sign in adults.

What are some examples of Emotional Boundary Violations?

Why do perpetrators of abuse use Emotional Boundary Violations?

Watch for warning signs... in adults.

Behavioral Boundary Violations are a third type of warning sign in adults.

What are some examples of Behavioral Boundary Violations?

Why do perpetrators of abuse use Behavioral Boundary Violations?

Watch for warning signs... in children.

What are some of the short-term effects of sexual abuse?

The warning signs we have identified represent some of the short-term effects of abuse; other short-term effects of sexual abuse could include the following:

Act when you see warning signs... what you can do.

Why is it essential to ACT when you see warning signs instead of waiting until you know for sure that abuse has occurred?

What are some things you can do if you spot warning signs in a particular adult?

What are some things you can do if you spot warning signs in a child or young person?

Teach your children ways to protect themselves... when you're not there.

What can we teach children about body parts?

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What can we teach children about what to do if someone tries to violate their boundaries?

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Local contact information.

If you have a concern, talk to someone.

- Who to call in my program...

- Who to call in my parish or school...

- Who to call in my diocese or institution...

If you suspect abuse, report to the police or protective services.

- Police...

- Protective services...

- Child abuse hotline...