

RECOGNIZING

the **SIGNS OF ABUSE & GROOMING**

BE CAUTIOUS of an **ADULT WHO** spends time with children & **EXHIBITS THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS:**

- Does not respect boundaries or listen when someone tells them “no”
- Engages in touching that a child or child's parents/guardians have indicated is unwanted
- Tries to be a child's friend rather than filling an adult role in the child's life
- Does not seem to have age-appropriate relationships
- Talks with children about their personal problems or relationships
- Spends time alone with children outside of their role in the child's life or makes up excuses to be alone with the child
- Expresses unusual interest in child's sexual development, such as commenting on sexual characteristics or sexualizing normal behaviors
- Gives a child gifts without occasion or reason
- Spends a lot of time with one child in particular



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