

# Protecting Your Children

## Advice From Child Molesters:

- \* It's easy, I pay attention to your children and make them feel special.
- \* I present the appearance of being someone you can trust and rely on.
- \* I get to know your child's likes and dislikes.
- \* I go out of my way to buy gifts or treats your child will like.
- \* I isolate your child by involving them in fun activities, so we can be together, alone.
- \* If you are a single mother, I pray on your fears about your child lacking a father figure.
- \* Sometimes I spent my free time "helping" children.
- \* I offer to "babysit" or take children on special "outings".
- \* I know more about what kids are into than you do.
- \* I take advantage of your child's natural curiosity about sex by telling "dirty jokes", showing them pornography, and playing sexual "games".
- \* I make comments like "we should shoot all those sex offenders". That way, people won't believe I'm the kind of person who would "do such a thing".
- \* If I am a parent, it is even easier for me to isolate and control my children.
- \* If my children have cousins or friends, I will abuse them too.
- \* My wife and family may never suspect a thing.
- \* I point it out when kids lie.
- \* I try hard to make it look like I am the best parent, uncle, teacher or coach.
- \* I touch your child when you are in the room.
- \* If they say something, you will usually make excuses for me, and tell them they are wrong.
- \* You may help me offend, and you won't even know you are doing it.

**This information was taken from a brochure that was developed by a group of child molesters who were in treatment at the Center for Behavioral Intervention. The brochure was prepared as part of a community service project. Research indicates that 1 in 5 children will be sexually abused.**