

anyone else may tell him, he will *not* be in trouble.

- Get to know your child's friends and the homes in which your child plays.
- Be wary of older children or adults who want to spend a lot of time alone with your child.
- Trust your intuition: If you feel something is not right in your child's relationships, *act on it*.
- Learn about the prevention program that your school uses and discuss it with your children.
- Have "safety talks" with your children several times a year. Add information about the risk of encountering sexually explicit materials and adult offenders in the community and on the internet.
- Almost one quarter of children are exposed to "unwanted" pornography via the internet. Use an ISP that offers screening for obscenity and pornography

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Presentations on "Protecting Your Children: Advice from Child Molesters", are available to your school, community group, place of work, worship, etc.

Presentations are 3 hours in length and NO COST to you.

Presented by:

- Broome County Sheriff's Office
- Broome County DSS
- Crime Victims Assistance Center, Inc.

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Protecting Your Children: Advice from Child Molesters.

*A free education program to the community.
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WHO are the Child Molesters?



- I am probably well known and liked by you and your child.
- I can be a child, adolescent or adult.
- I can be of any race, hold any religious belief, and have any sexual preference.
- I am likely to be a stable, employed, respected member of the community.
- My education and my intelligence don't prevent me from molesting your child.
- I pay attention to your child and make them feel special.
- I get to know your child's likes and dislikes very well.
- I may touch your child in your presence so that they think you are comfortable with

the way I touch them.

- I present the appearance of someone that you and your family can rely on.
- I isolate your child by involving them in fun activities that we can do alone.
- If you are a single parent, I might play on your fears about your child lacking a father figure.
- If I am a father figure or other family member, I might undermine the child's relationship with other family members and try to make myself look like the better, more understanding and supportive parent.
- I might set up fights between my victim and the other parent or set up the child to look like a liar.
- *I make comments like:* "Anyone who molests a child should be shot!" or "Sexually abusing a kid is the sickest thing anyone can do!"
- After I've begun molesting your child I maintain their cooperation and silence through guilt, shame, fear and sometimes, love.

I can be anyone. Parents can defeat me if they work together. Educate yourself, your family and your community.

Prevention

Don't expect your child to be able to protect himself from me or assume that he will be able to tell you that I am abusing him.

- Communication: Listen, believe and trust what your child tells you. Children rarely lie about sexual abuse.
- Education: Teach your child healthy values about sexuality. If you don't teach your child...I will.
- Watch for any symptoms of sexual abuse your child might demonstrate.
- Give your child specific information about where on her body she should not be touched or touch others.
- Let him know that people who touch children's private parts need help because they have a problem with touching.
- Remind your child that "secret touching" is never the child's fault. Talk to your child about the ways someone might try to "trick" him into going along with the "secret touching".
- Make sure your child knows that you want him to tell you immediately if something should happen and that, despite what