

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

NATURAL & HEALTHY	OF CONCERN	SEEK GUIDANCE
Touches/rubs own genitals when diapers are being changed, when going to sleep, when tense or afraid	Insists on touching/rubbing genitals in public after being told many times not to do this	Touches/rubs self to the exclusion of normal childhood activities. Hurts own genitals by touching/rubbing
Explores difference between males and females, boys and girls	Constant questions about genital difference after all questions have been answered	Plays male and female roles in an angry or aggressive manner. Hates own/other gender.
Touches the "private parts" of familiar adults and children	Touches the "private parts" of an adult not in the family, unknown child or familiar people after being redirected. Asks to be touched themselves	Sneakily touches adults. Forcefully touches others and demands that others touch him/her inappropriately
Asks about the genitals, breasts, intercourse and babies	Repeatedly asks answered questions about reproduction, sex and body parts	Asks unfamiliar people for sex education and explanation. Sexual knowledge too detailed for child's age
Likes to be nude. May show others his/her genitals	Wants to be nude in public after parent repeatedly and consistently redirects behavior and sets appropriate boundaries	Refuses to put on clothes. Secretly shows self in public after redirection
Interested in watching people doing bathroom functions	Interest in watching bathroom functions does not wane in days/weeks	Refuses to leave people alone in the bathroom. Forces way into the bathroom
Plays doctor while inspecting other's bodies	Frequently plays doctor after setting appropriate boundaries. Secretly plays doctor in private	Forces another child to play doctor or to take off his/her clothes
Puts something in own genitals or rectum one time for curiosity or exploration	Puts something in genitals or rectum of self or others after being told "no"	Any coercion, force, pain in putting something in genitals or rectum of self or another child
Plays house, acts out roles of Mommy and Daddy	Humping other children with clothes on	Simulated or real intercourse without clothes; oral sex acts



KINDERGARTEN TO 4TH GRADE

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Asks about the genitals, breasts, intercourse and babies	Shows fear or anxiety about sexual topics	Endless questions about sex after curiosity satisfied. Sexual knowledge too great for their age
Plays doctor, inspecting other's genitals	Frequently plays doctor after repeatedly being redirected	Forces another child to play doctor or to take off their clothes.
Shows others his/her genitals	Wants to be nude in public even after parents' redirect	Refuses to put on clothes. Exposes self in public after many scoldings
Touches/rubs own genitals when going to sleep, when tense, excited or afraid	Continues to touch/rub genitals in public after being redirected. Rubs (humping) genitals on furniture or other objects	Touches/rubs self in public and in private to the exclusion of normal childhood activities. Attempts to, or actually rubs genitals on others
Plays house, may simulate all roles of Mommy and Daddy	Humping other children with clothes on. Imitates sexual behavior with dolls/stuffed toys	Humping naked. Intercourse with another child. Forces another child to have sexual contact with them
Talks about sex with friends. Talks about having a girl/boyfriend	Continues sexual talk even when redirected	Talks about sex and sexual acts habitually. Repeatedly disciplined because of inappropriate sexual talk
Draws genitals on human figures for artistic expression or because the figure is being portrayed in the nude	Draws genitals on some nude figures or on drawing of clothed people. Genitals disproportionate to the size of the body	Genitals stand out as the most prominent feature of drawing. Drawings of intercourse, group sex. Sadism/masochism shown
Interest in touching genitals, breast, buttocks of other same age child or have the child touch his/hers	Continuously wants to touch genitals, breasts, buttocks of other children even after redirection. Tries to engage in oral, anal or vaginal sex	Manipulates or forces another child to allow touching of genitals, breast, buttocks. Forced or mutual oral, anal or vaginal sex
Kisses familiar adults and children	French kissing. Talks in a sexualized manner with others. Fearful of hugs and kisses by adults. Upset with public displays of affection. Kisses unfamiliar adult or child	Overly familiar with strangers. Talks/acts in a sexualized manner with unknown adults. Physical contact with adults causes agitation to child or adult
Puts something in own genitals or rectum for the physical sensation, curiosity or exploration	Puts something in own genitals or rectum frequently or when it feels uncomfortable. Puts something in the genitals/rectum of another child	Any coercion or force in putting something in genitals/rectum of another child. Causing harm to own/others genitals/rectum

5th GRADE TO 8TH GRADE

NATURAL & HEALTHY

Asks about sexual materials and information	Curiosity about relationships and sexual behavior	Sexual experimentation between adolescents of the same and gender is common
Will want clarification on the meaning of sexual words, acts, and personal values particularly with peers	Asks about decision making	Asks about consequences of sexual behavior
Self-stimulation in private is expected to continue	Is keenly interested in learning about body changes	Enjoys bathroom humor

OF CONCERN

Seems distracted or distant at odd times	Has a sudden change in eating habits. Refuses to eat, loses or drastically increases appetite, has trouble swallowing	Sudden mood swings – rage, fear, insecurity or withdrawal
Leaves “clues” that seem likely to provoke a discussion about sexual issues	Writes, draws, plays or dreams of sexual or frightening images	Develops new or unusual fear of certain people or places
Refuses to talk about a secret shared with an adult or older child	Talks about a new older friend	Suddenly has money, toys or other gifts without reason
Exhibits adult-like sexual behaviors, language and knowledge	Thinks of self or body as repulsive, dirty or bad	Has nightmares or other sleep problems without an explanation

9th GRADE TO 12TH GRADE

NATURAL & HEALTHY

Sexual experimentation between adolescents of the same age and gender is common	Self-stimulation in private is expected to continue	Becomes preoccupied with the opposite sex
May be influenced by peers to try risky behaviors (alcohol, tobacco or sex)	Is concerned about physical and sexual attractiveness.	

OF CONCERN

Self-injury (cutting, burning, etc.)	Inadequate personal hygiene	Drug and alcohol abuse
Sexual promiscuity	Running away from home	Depression, anxiety
Suicide attempts	Fear of intimacy or closeness	Compulsive eating or dieting
Masturbation in a public place	Sexual interested directed toward much younger children	