



USE YOUR VOICE: Take the Pledge to End Child Sexual Abuse

BECAUSE WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT ME

It is estimated that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday with juveniles committing 40% of sex crimes against younger children. No one wants to imagine that sexual abuse can happen to their child, but child sexual abuse does not discriminate by ethnicity, geography or socioeconomic standards. All children can be at risk. Our communities must demand the safety of children and speak out against child sexual abuse. It starts with you.

It is time to Use Your Voice to put an end to the silence

1. I will speak out against child sexual abuse and exploitation;
2. I will speak up for the rights of children;
3. I will speak with other people in my community about protecting children;
4. I will listen to children, and believe them, if they talk to me about abuse;
5. I will pay attention to children's cries for support for help;
6. I will encourage children to be assertive and strong;
7. I will work to change any culture that encourages or makes possible the sexual abuse and exploitation of children;
8. I will support people and institutions working to end child sexual abuse and exploitation of children;
9. I will do everything in my power and authority to end the sexual abuse and exploitation of children;
10. I will talk to my children, and children in my care, to speak out about abuse if it occurs to them;
11. I will take the Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training and encourage my employees and co-workers to do the same;
12. I will pledge my eyes, my voice to protect OUR children!

Signature

Date

REPORT:

Anyone suspecting child abuse

has the right - and
responsibility - to report it.



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