

5 STEPS TO PROTECTING CHILDREN



STEP 1. LEARN THE FACTS

Learn the facts on what child sexual abuse is, recognize its prevalence, and how it occurs.

STEP 2. MINIMIZE OPPORTUNITY

Minimize opportunities in both virtual and physical environments.



STEP 3. TALK ABOUT IT

Talk openly with children and with adults.

STEP 4. RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS

Become familiar with red flag behaviors in both adults AND children.



STEP 5. REACT RESPONSIBLY

Use trauma-informed strategies to practice active bystander intervention, and to respond to suspicion, disclosure, or discovery of abuse.

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The 5 Steps to Protecting Children™ form the foundation of *Stewards of Children®*, one of the only evidence-informed, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention trainings in the United States proven to increase knowledge and change behaviors.

These steps form a framework for preventing child sexual abuse. They can help you become aware of the scope of the issue, take actionable steps toward both preventing and responding to abuse, and create safer environments for the children in your life. They act as a guide for developing protective behaviors against abuse.