



How To Avoid One On One Situations

More than 80% of sexual abuse incidents happen in isolated, one-on-one situations with a child. Learn how to avoid this...

At home:

- Eliminate or reduce isolated, one-on-one situations to decrease risk of abuse.
- Choose group situations and have multiple adults supervise children.
- Scan the physical environment for hidden areas and correct dangers.
- Make sure interactions can be observed and interrupted.
- Remember that older youth should not be in isolated, one-on-one situations with younger children.

In schools and youth organisations:

- Ask for the document on best practices in schools and youth organisations.
- Conduct background checks.
- Conduct in-person interviews for new hires and volunteers.
- Conduct personal and professional reference checks.
- Have a code of conduct for staff and volunteers.
- Have a policy for responding to disclosures and discoveries of child sexual abuse.
- Have a policy for responding to inappropriate behavior, breaches in policy and suspicion of abuse.