



# Creating Awareness

## 10%

In the United States, 10% of all children will report experiencing some form of sexual abuse before age 18.

## 90%

90% of those abused know their abuser.

## 30%

The US Department of Justice estimates that only 30% of sexual abuse cases are reported to authorities.

## 1 in 3 Girls\*

Experience sexual abuse in childhood.

## 1 in 7 Boys\*

Experience sexual abuse in childhood.

## Possible Abuse Indicators

### Physical

- Bruises and other marks of physical contact.
- Flinching when approached/touched by adults.
- Showing fear of certain adults.
- Increasingly aggressive or very compliant.

### Emotional

- Failure to thrive in a situation.
- Extreme fear or anxiety of making mistakes.
- Low self-esteem
- Inappropriate emotional responses.

### Sexual

- A marked change in the child's general behavior.
- Sudden change in dress.
- Eating disorders
- Description of special attention or a 'secret.'

### Neglect

- Untended medical needs.
- Malnourishment.
- Gaps in education.
- Frequently found unsupervised/alone.

## Ways You Can Help

- Educate yourself to be aware of potential abuse.
- Report suspicious activity to your local law enforcement or ministry leader.
- Pray that the Lord would grant safety to the vulnerable and justice to the abused.
- Seek personal holiness. Creating safe environments is a community initiative.

To access our Child Safety Standards along with other free resources to help support your ministry visit:

[ecap.net/bluesunday](https://ecap.net/bluesunday)

\*[https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/Publications\\_NSVRC\\_Guide\\_Child-Sexual-Abuse-Prevention-programs-for-children.pdf](https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/Publications_NSVRC_Guide_Child-Sexual-Abuse-Prevention-programs-for-children.pdf)

