



FOOTHILLS
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

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If your child sees or hears about a sex offender in the media, tell the child:

1. Most adults care about kids and try to keep them safe, but sometimes adults do bad things to kids.
2. Some adults have problems with touching kids in private places or showing things to kids they shouldn't or trying to get kids to show their private parts. Some adults like to look at pictures of kids' private places or of adults touching kids' private places.
3. People are worried Mr. X did something like this to a child or looked at pictures like that.
4. Mr. X had to go to a place to get help.
5. Let's talk about our rules for safety (PANTS):
 - a. Privates are private.
 - b. Always remember your body belongs to you.
 - c. No means no.
 - d. Talk about secrets that upset you.
 - e. Speak up, someone can help.
6. It's always okay to talk to me if anyone has done something that made you feel uncomfortable. Even if you didn't tell me before, it's okay to talk about it now.
 - a. Do not pressure the child by asking repeated, direct questions.
7. If your child says that he/she was touched, shown inappropriate pictures, talked to in a sexual manner or solicited online, do not do your own investigation - **report it to Child Protective Services.**
 - a. Remain calm - Do not show shock or other strong reaction.
 - b. Do not correct the child's terminology.
 - c. Reassure the child that it is not his/her fault and they did the right thing to tell.
 - d. Tell the child that you believe him/her.
 - e. Tell the child that you must report it and that they will need to tell someone whose job it is to protect kids.
 - f. LISTEN – Being a good listener will help the child to know that they can always come to you.
8. Call Foothills Child Advocacy Center to schedule a sexual abuse prevention and intervention training for yourself and your child-serving organization.