

Characteristics of Adult Sexual Abusers

Adult sexual abusers appear to have some similar traits:

- They prefer immature body shapes for victims.
- They usually appear to have emotional problems.
- They usually have abuse in their history.
- They are usually unable to interact sexually with mature adults.
- They see children as undemanding and passive sexual partners.
- They see adults as demanding and domineering.
- They may display emotional disturbances by torturing animals.

Who are the abusers?

Society sees the “lurking stranger” as the child molester but studies indicate that the sexual assaults of children occur more often within the family.

Types of abuse:

INCEST – Incest is one type of child molestation and it differs from other types of child molestation because it goes on for extended periods of time within a family. Some fathers who practice incest are pedophilic and display violent behaviors and abuse alcohol/and or drugs.

PEDOPHILIA – Pedophilia means “love of children” and the children are below the age of consent. Pedophiles practice the fantasy of engaging in sexual activity with children as their method of reaching sexual excitement. They can be heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual.

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