

# Sexual Abuse

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One out of every three girls will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18...

1 out of 7 children are abused...

How many do you know?

You can't afford to ignore it...



# What is Sexual Abuse?

- **Sexual abuse is any contact or interaction (physical, visual, verbal or psychological) between a child/adolescent and an adult when the child/adolescent is being used for the sexual stimulation of the perpetrator or any other person.**

**Sexual abuse may be committed by a person under the age of eighteen when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the abuser is in a position of power or control over the victimized child/adolescent. When sexual abuse is perpetrated by an adult or older child who is a blood or legal relative, this is incest.**

**Some people may believe that because their abuse wasn't as extensive compared to others, they have no right to speak out or should not have any reason to suffer long-term emotional, psychological or physical effects. This is simply not true. Abuse is abuse..**

<http://members.fortunecity.com/julieann3/childhoodsexualabusesurvivors/id14.html>



# Effects of Sexual Abuse

- Children who are neglected or sexually abused are known to have lower IQs and an increased risk of depression, suicide and drug problems. Abused children are 53% more likely to be arrested as juveniles, and 38% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime. During preschool years, abused children are more likely to get angry, refuse direction from teachers, and lack enthusiasm. By the time they reach grade school, they are more prone to being easily distracted, lacking in self-control, and not well-liked by peers.

<http://www.aaets.org/arts/art31.htm>



# Who's likely the Abuser?

- Almost two-thirds of all sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.



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# What could we do?

- We need to find a way to help bring this world wide problem to an end it wont be easy but if we all join together and put our part we can make an impact.

