



# “Trusted” adults commit 90% of child sexual abuse.

**Even the adults we rely on to protect our children can't always be trusted.**

Extended family, coaches, teachers, spiritual leaders, and other caregivers are authority figures children have been taught to trust in their lives. Yet a large percentage of those who sexually abuse children are from these groups. Children often do not talk about abuse because they think no one will believe their story.

Encourage children to speak up and get help. Supervision and vigilance are essential to preventing all forms of child abuse.

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, please contact the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 800.392.3738.



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