



## Warning Signs

Being able to recognize potential warning signs in adult's means that we can recognize the early signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child and prevent potential child sexual abuse. The following behaviors in an adult may be cause for concern:

- Discourages other adults from participating or monitoring.
- Always wants to be alone with young people.
- More excited to be with children than adults.
- Gives gifts to children, often without permission.
- Goes overboard touching.
- Always wants to wrestle or tickle.
- Thinks the rules do not apply to them.
- Allows young people to engage in activities their parents would not allow.
- Uses bad language or tells dirty jokes to children.
- Shows young people pornography.
- Takes photos without approval.

If you are concerned that you have seen some of the above warning signs in an adult close to your child, don't wait for proof. Talk to the child. Helpful information on parent-child communication and talking about difficult topics can be found on the Office for Child and Youth Protection's website at [www.childprotect.org](http://www.childprotect.org).