

8. Pedophiles: individuals who are sexually attracted to children aged from infants to pre-pubescence. Pedophiles who fantasize are not criminals. They become criminals when they access child pornography (collect, pay for, produce) or rape or molest a child.

9. Single mothers: the child molester's target for romance. The romance however is the gate-way to her children. They will charm their way into a woman's life as her best



friend, companion, soul-mate to earn her trust to access her children. She may never know that her children have been molested until he is long gone.

10. Sexual contact between an adult and a child (rape, molestation) ranks along side murder and adult rape as an ultimate crime.

11. Are pedophiles, child molesters homosexual?

Answer: No. Research clearly shows that most pass as heterosexual. Many are married; have children. Child molestation is about more than sex; it's about control, power over the children. The proof of this is in the answer to this question. Do we refer to a man who rapes a nine year old girl as a heterosexual? No. He is referred to as a child abuser.

12. Defense against child sexual abuse: we have an inherent protective instinct for sensing danger to ourselves and our children. Our children have it too. Listen to it. Act on that instinct and counter the strong denial that someone close to you could be abusing your children. If you suspect it ask your child gently about your suspicions; give them an opportunity to explain in a language they understand. Children don't know what abuse is. Child sexual abusers are liars who plan for contingencies with excuses and justification; be prepared for that. Know where your child is and who they are with. Don't let other adults or adolescents have unaccompanied access to your child. Learn all you can about child abuse and discuss it with your family, at school, with your friends. Act if you suspect abuse to your own child or another parent's child; call the police, report your suspicions to the authorities, protect the child. You may be saving a life.

13. Consequences of child sexual abuse: depression, anxiety, fear, disassociation, suicide, broken relationships, inability to have a relationship, anger, resentment, eating disorders, self-mutilation. Being abused as a child does not mean the child will themselves abuse children.

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