

April 2024

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Report suspected abuse to:

South Western Washington: 866-764-2233

Washington State: 866-ENDHARM



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Teach kids that families DON'T keep "secrets" from each other	Tell your child you love them often	Help your kids name five safe adults they can talk to when they feel unsafe	Join your child's play for 10 minutes	Wear Blue Today! Take a selfie & post with #wearblue4kids	Observe play often, even with trusted adults	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Teach your kids to trust their gut feelings & tell a safe adult when scared	Be aware of behavioral changes in your child, talk about it with them	Attend STORYTIME @ Battle Ground Library 11am-12pm	Attend STORYTIME @ Battle Ground Library 11am-12pm	Attend STORYTIME @ Cascade Park Library 11:30am-12:30pm	Talk to kids about 'okay' and 'not okay' touch early & often	Use & teach correct names for body parts
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Read a book with your child	Online Safety Presentation for caregivers + parents Cascade Park Library 6:30-7:30pm	Attend STORYTIME @ Battle Ground Library 11am-12pm	Attend STORYTIME @ Downtown Vancouver 10:30-11:30 am Battle Ground Library 11am-12pm	Say "I will always believe you" to your child	Work on an art project with your child	Manage stress through breathing (smell the flower, blow on the soup)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Enjoy a meal with your child	Teach kids that adults don't ask children for help	Catch your child doing something well and let them know	Avoid physical discipline of children to reduce risk of going too far	Don't force kids to give physical affection – their body belongs to them	Keep electronics in a central location	Help a friend, neighbor or relative out with a meal or playdate
28	29	30				
Get involved with your community, schools, and local library	Surf the Internet with your child & let them show you what they like to do online	Educate beyond Stranger Danger. <i>Most people who abuse kids are known to the family</i>				

What to do if a child discloses abuse to you:

1. Say "I believe you" and "it's not your fault."
2. Ask minimal questions to determine who, what, where - don't investigate!
3. Report to law enforcement & child protective services.



Manipulation is the act of building trust and connection with a child, their caregivers, and sometimes communities – to make sexual abuse easier to hide.

Neglect is a pattern of failing to provide for a child's basic needs.

Physical abuse is non-accidental physical injury to a child.

Sexual abuse is sexual behavior or sexual exploitation of a child.