

# PROTECTING our Children

## Signs of a Potentially Dangerous Adult

### Communicating with your child outside of their role

Teacher or coach talking to your child through text or social media

### Allowing or encouraging rule breaking

Could be attempting to push the limits of your child or use knowledge of behavior as blackmail later as a tactic of control

### Increased Physical Touch

Increased touching in front of a parent could be grooming the child to believe the touching is fine since a parent didn't stop the behavior. Remember, predators aren't trying to hide the actions. They are trying to convince everyone it is normal.

### Expensive or random gifts

Can be need-fulfillment or a form of payment after abuse occurs

### Encouraging secret-keeping

Used to isolate and maintain control

UNDERSTANDING  
CONSENT IS YOUR CHILD'S  
SUPERPOWER

Things your Kids **NEED** to hear:

- You can decide if you want to hug someone.
- Touching someone without permission isn't just wrong; it can be criminal.
- You can talk to me or another trusted adult if you are unsure of a situation.
- I believe you.

## Books on Consent

**My Body is My Own** by Lauren K Carlson  
Children's book that will introduce or reinforce the concepts of boundaries and respect for ages 3-8

**Raising Kids to Understand Consent**  
by Lauren K Carlson  
Parent's guide to incorporating consent education into everyday living with children of all ages



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