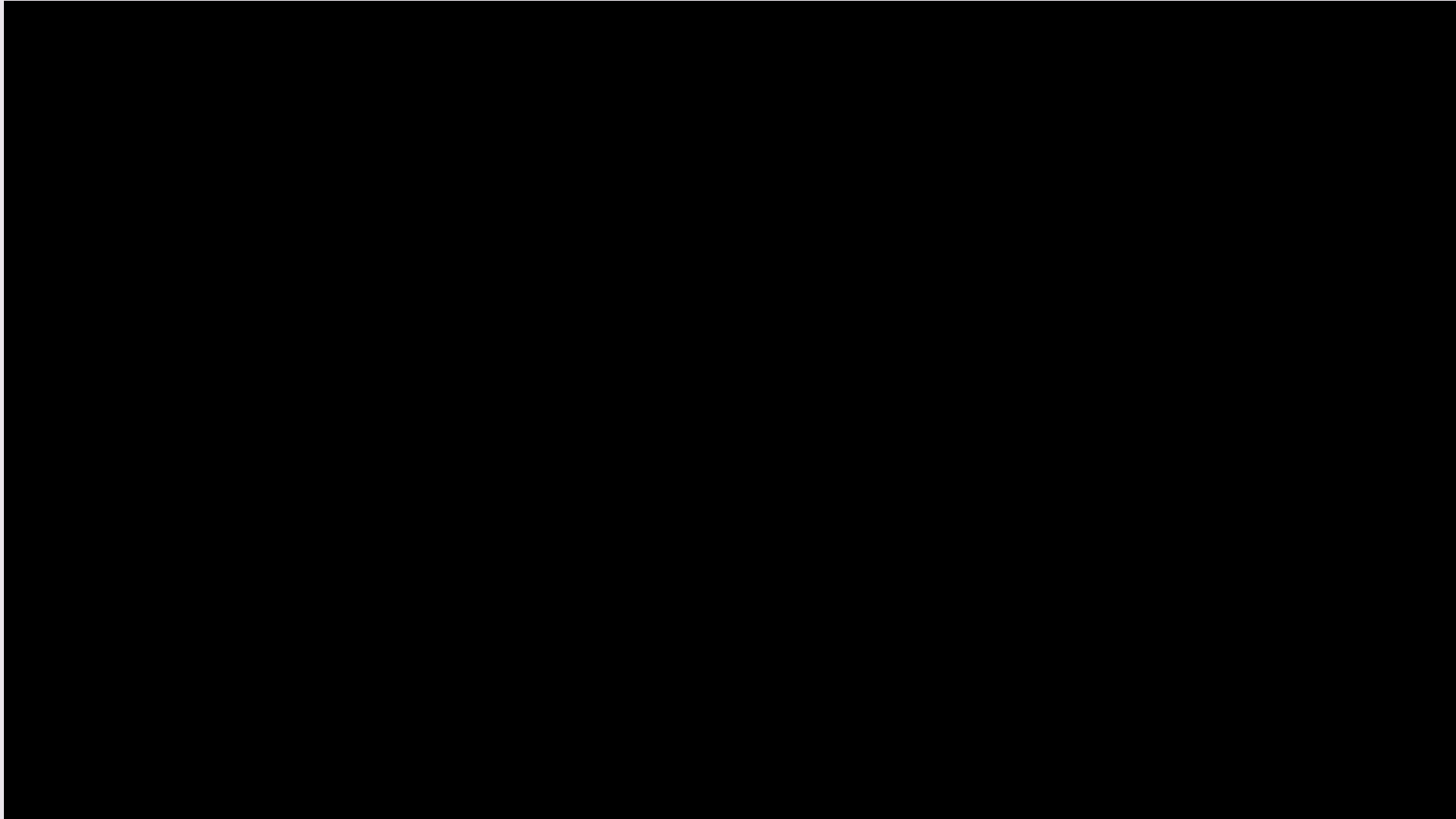


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# STATISTICS AND FACTS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

- 1 out of 10 kids will experience child sexual abuse before they turn 18
- About 90% of victims know their abuser
  - The younger the victim, the more likely it is that the abuser is a family member
- About 60% are abused by people the family trusts
- There are more victims between the ages of eight and twelve than any other group

# WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE?

- Sexual abuse can include both touching and non-touching behaviors.
  - Touching behaviors may involve any touching of private parts, including your mouth.
  - Non-touching behaviors can include trying to look at a child's naked body, or asking them to look at an adults, or exposing the child to pornography.
- Abusers often do not use physical force, but may disguise abuse by playing games, tricking kids, or threatening them to keep the secret.

# WHY DON'T KIDS ALWAYS TELL RIGHT AWAY?

- There are many reasons children do not disclose being sexually abused, including:
  - Threats of harm (to the child and/or the child's family)
  - Fear of being removed from the home
  - Fear of not being believed
  - Shame or guilt
  - Sometimes the child may not know that what happened wasn't okay



**IS IT THE  
CHILD'S FAULT  
IF...**

# MYTH OR FACT?

- There are more victims between the ages of eight and twelve than in any other group
- You're more likely to be sexually abused by someone you know than by a stranger
- Victims always tell right away after experiencing abuse
- If a friend tells you they've been abused you should tell an adult right away, even if you promised to keep it a secret

# MYTH OR FACT CONT.

- Sexual abuse only happens to girls
- It is never the victims fault if they have been abused
- Someone will act differently after experiencing sexual abuse
- Victims of sexual abuse can, and do, recover
- Only adults sexually abuse children
- If you're confused about something that has happened to you, it's a good idea to talk to an adult that you trust





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# THAT'S NOT LOVE

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Healthy

Unhealthy

Abusive

- You talk openly about problems and listen to one another. You respect each other's opinions.
- You value each other as you are.
- You believe what your partner has to say. You do not feel the need to “prove” each other's trustworthiness.
- You are honest with each other, but can still keep some things private.
- You make decisions together and hold each other to the same standard.
- You enjoy spending time apart, alone, or with others. You respect each other's need for time apart.
- You talk openly about sexual respect. All partners willingly consent to sexual activity and can safely discuss what they are or are not comfortable with.



Healthy

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Abusive

- When problems arise, you fight or you don't discuss them at all.
- One or more partners is not considerate of the other.
- One partner doesn't believe what the other says, or feels entitled to invade their privacy.
- One or more partners tells lies.
- One partner feels their desires and choices are more important.
- Your partner's community is the only one you socialize in.
- One partner uses pressure or guilt on the other to do anything sexual at any point.



Healthy

Unhealthy

Abusive

- Communicates in a way that is hurtful, threatening, insulting, or demeaning.
- One partner does not respect the feelings, thoughts, decisions, opinions, or physical safety of the other.
- The partner who accuses may hurt the other in a physical or verbal way as a result.
- Tries to blame the other for the harm they're doing, or makes excuses for abusive actions, or minimizes abusive behavior.
- One partner makes all decisions for the couple with the other's input.
- One partner controls where the other one goes and who they talk to. They may isolate their partner from family and friends.
- One partner forces the other to do anything they don't want to do sexually at any point.

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