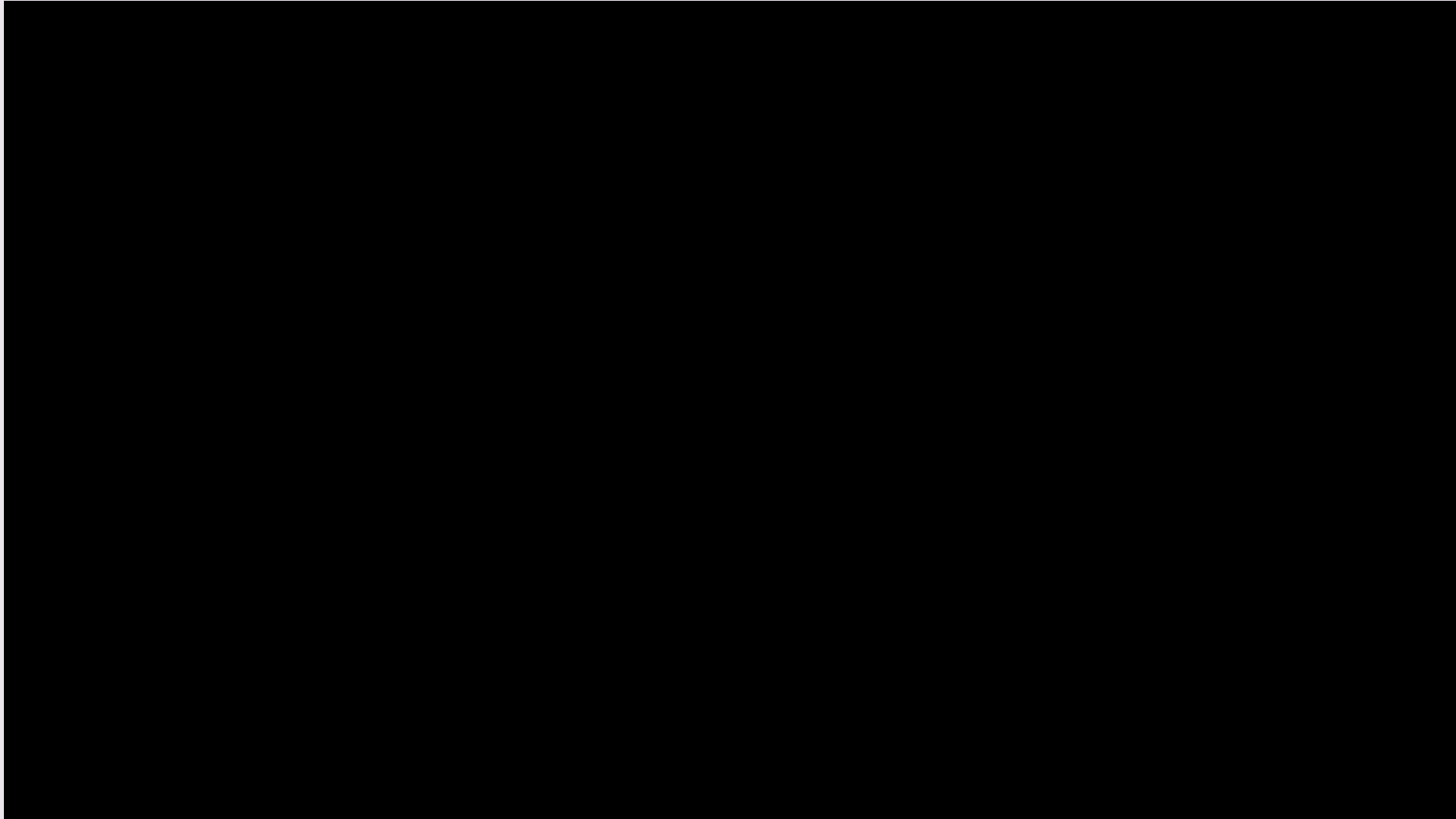


ERIN'S LAW 6TH GRADE

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DEKALB COUNTY'S RAPE CRISIS AND DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE CENTER



STATISTICS AND FACTS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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- 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
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- 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



HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS

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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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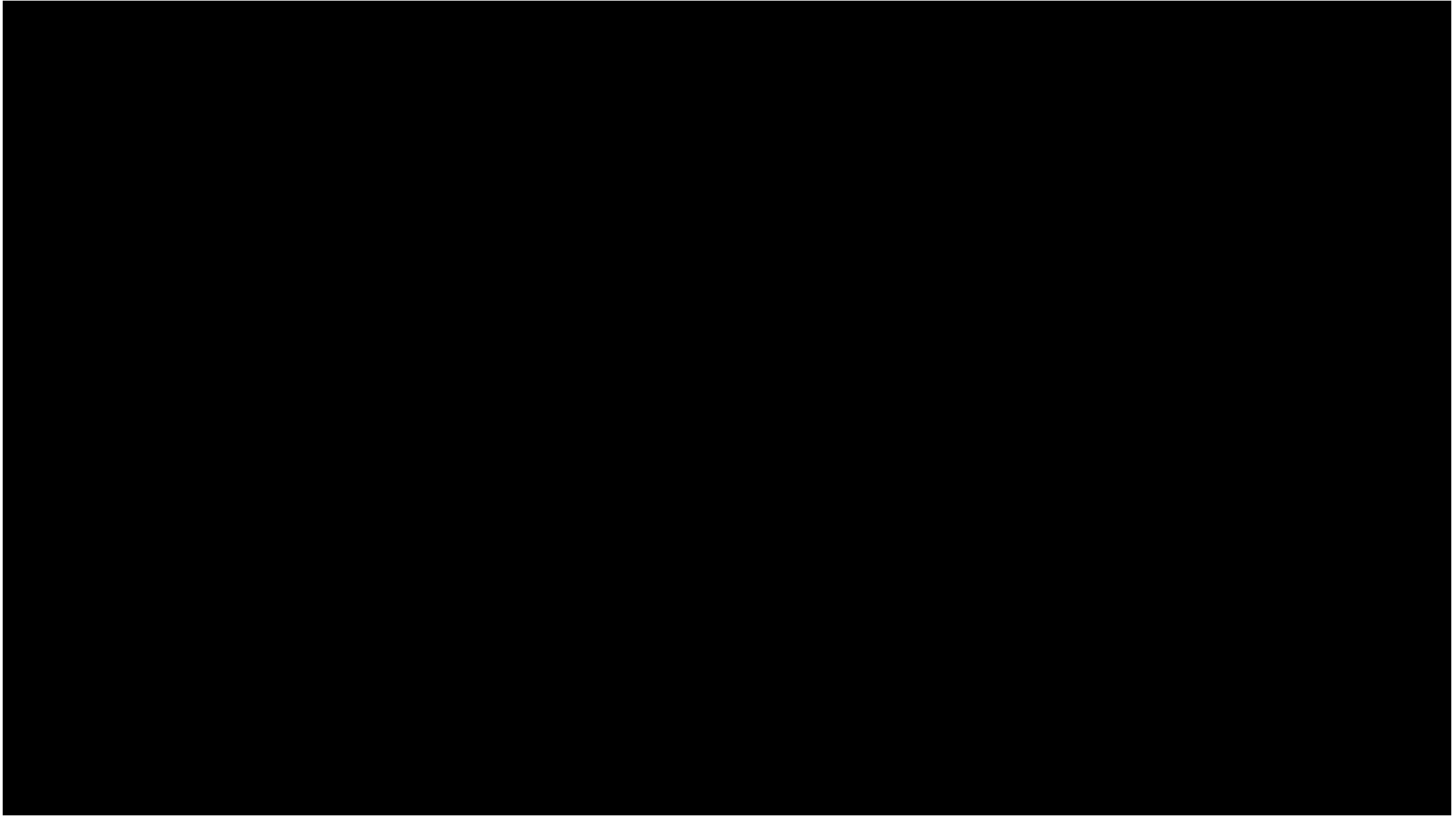
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WHAT DO YOU
REMEMBER?



What is child sexual abuse?

Child sexual abuse includes -

Touching behaviors:

- Any sexual act between an adult and a minor, or between two minors, when one exerts power over the other.
- Forcing, coercing, or persuading a child to engage in any type of sexual act.

Non-touching behaviors:

- Non-contact acts such as exposure to pornography and communicating in a sexual manner by phone or through the internet.

Statistics and facts for child sexual abuse

- Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent health problem children face, with very serious consequences.
 - 70% of child sex offenders have 1 -9 victims, 20% have 10-40 victims.
- About one in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.
 - About one in seven girls and one in 25 boys.
- About 38% of child victims disclose the fact that they have been sexually abused. Some never disclose.

- As many as 40% of children who are sexually abused are abused by older, or more powerful children.
- The younger the child victim, the more likely it is that the perpetrator is a juvenile.
 - Juveniles are the offenders in 43% of assaults on children under age six.
- A small number of juvenile offenders — 1 out of 8 — are younger than age 12.
- Most adolescent sex offenders are not sexual predators and will not go on to become adult offenders.

Is it the child's fault if...



- They thought they were in a “dating relationship” with the older child/adult?
- The older child/adult gives the child money or gifts after the abuse occurs?
- The child knowingly consumes drugs or alcohol before the abuse occurs?



- Child sexual abuse always includes physical contact.
- Only 1 in 20 kids will experience child sexual abuse before age 18.
- Every child victim will disclose their abuse at some point.
- 40% of children who experience abuse are abused by older children.
- Most adolescent offenders will become adult offenders.
- Sometimes children are to blame when they've experienced sexual abuse.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

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RAISE A RED FLAG

We're going to use red flags to signal the warning signs of an unhealthy or abusive relationship. After each relationship situation, raise your red flag if you think the behavior is concerning in any way.

Characteristics of a healthy relationship...

- Says I love you
- Asks you what you want to do on the weekend
- Makes an effort to get to know your friends and family
- Cheers you on at games or recitals
- Understands that no means no
- Compliments you
- Makes you laugh when you're sad
- Respects your opinions
- Is proud when you succeed



Red Flags

- Lies to you about where he/she is going
- Gets jealous if you talk to someone else
- Constantly accuses you of cheating when you haven't
- Puts you down
- Makes decisions for you
- Seems obsessed with you
- Blames you for things that go wrong
- Says no one else would ever want to be with you
- Criticizes you
- Breaks things in anger
- Wants to know where you are at all times
- Pressures you to do things you don't want to do
- Makes you feel guilty for having outside interests
- Threatens you when you don't do what he/she says
- Tracks you down when he/she can't find you
- Expects you to stop seeing your friends
- Calls you names
- Pushes you around
- Thinks your interests are stupid
- Tells you that you're lucky to have him/her
- Hits you

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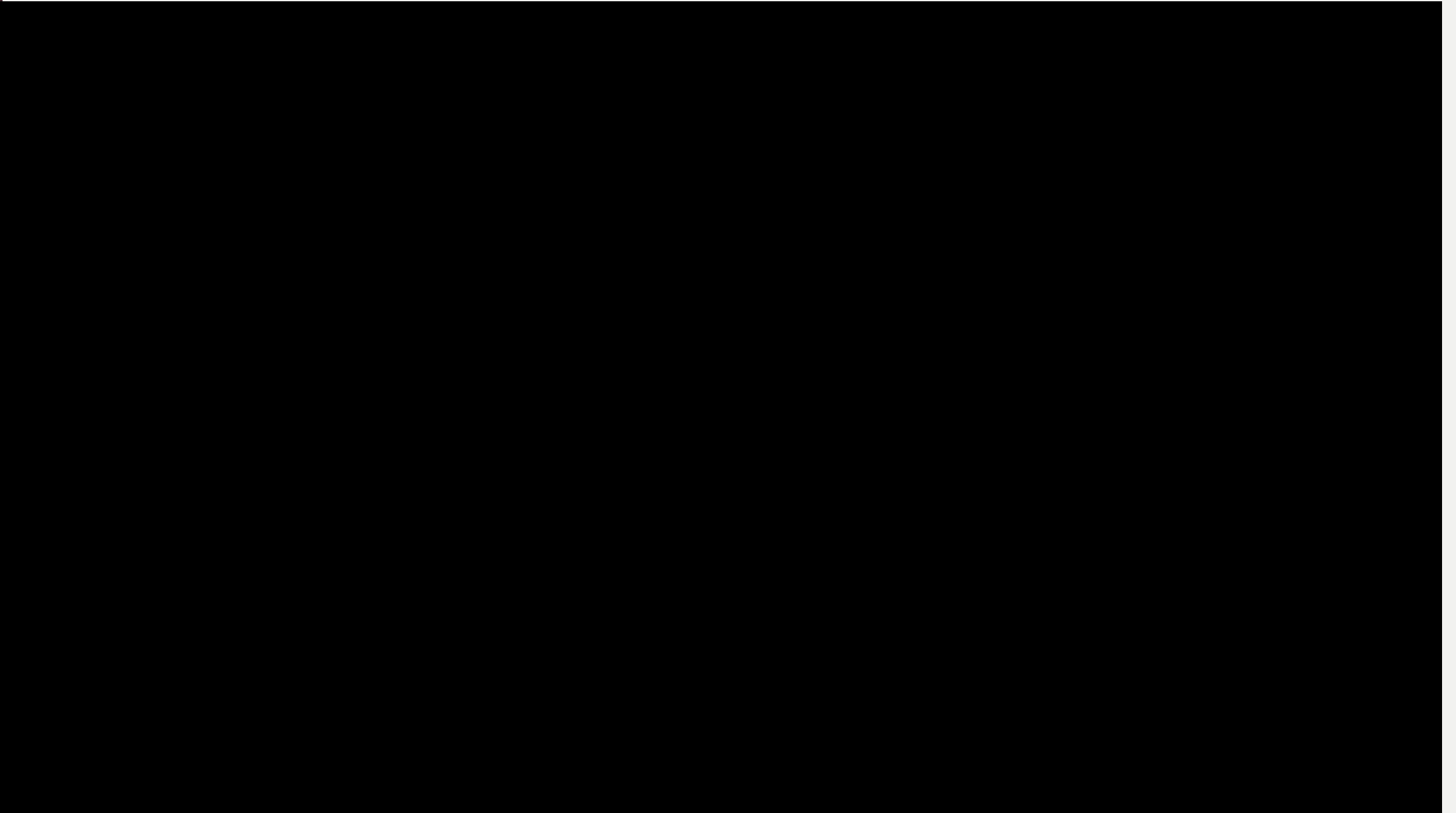
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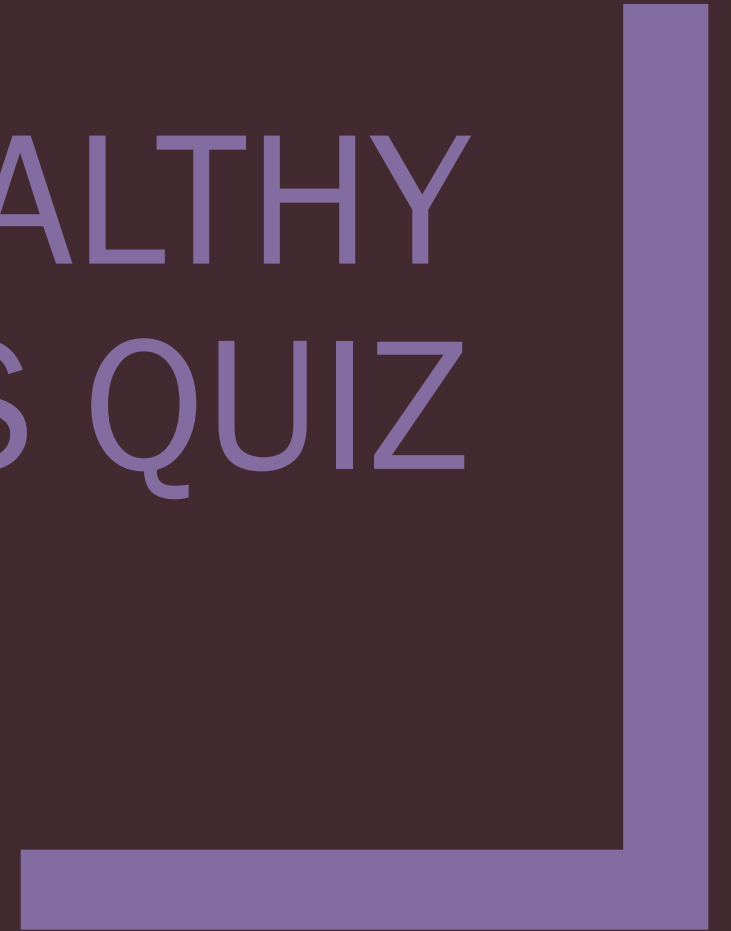
Internet sex crimes against children are a small and yet significant part of the overall problem.

- In 2006, arrests for online youth victim cases constituted 1.2% of arrests for all sex crimes against children. There were 615 arrests for online cases.
- 9% of all 10 to 17 year olds receive unwanted sexual requests while on the Internet.
- Over a period of one year, one in 25 youth received an online sexual request where the solicitor tried to make offline contact.
- 23% of all 10 to 17 year olds experience unwanted exposure to pornography.
- More than 90% of children who are commercially sexually exploited have been sexually abused in the past.
- About 75% of child pornography victims are living at home when they are photographed. Parents are often responsible.

Myth or fact?

- About 50% of victims know their abuser.
- Family members are more likely to target younger children.
- Child sexual abuse always includes physical contact.
- Abusers usually only perpetrate against one child.
- 5% of all 10 to 17 year olds receive unwanted sexual requests while on the Internet.
- In one year, one in 25 youth received an online sexual request where the solicitor tried to make offline contact.
- Strangers are often responsible for creating and sharing child pornography.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS QUIZ



List 3 characteristics of a healthy relationship...

- Mutual respect
- Trust
- Honesty
- Support
- Equality
- Good communication
- Physical safety, etc.



List 3 examples of emotional abuse...

- Teasing
- Bullying
- Humiliation
- Threats
- Intimidation
- Putdowns
- Betrayal

**WHEN A PERSON TELLS
YOU THAT YOU HURT
THEM, YOU DON'T
GET TO DECIDE
THAT YOU DIDN'T.**

—LOUIS C.K.

List 3 examples of physical abuse...

- Slapping
- Pushing
- Grabbing
- Shaking
- Smacking
- Kicking
- Punching
- Pulling hair

Physical aggression by a man toward his partner is abuse, even if it happens only once. If he raises a fist; punches a hole in the wall; throws things at you; blocks your way; restrains you; grabs, pushes, or pokes you; or threatens to hurt you, that's physical abuse. He is creating fear and using your need for physical freedom and safety as a way to control you.

List 3 ways to support a friend who's being abused...

- Listen to him/her
- Believe him/her
- Don't judge him/her
- Tell him/her it's not his/her fault
- Don't talk badly about his/her partner
- Offer to help him/her get help



Let me
know if you
need anything,
I'm here
for you!

Lemonade-aid

List 3 people or organizations you could turn to for help if you were in an abusive relationship...

- Parents
- Teachers
- Religious leaders
- School nurses
- Teachers
- School counselors
- Doctors
- Crisis centers (Safe Passage!)
- Teen help lines
- Abuse hotlines



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