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## Three effective ways to prevent child sexual abuse in schools



Engaging with parents helps reinforce at home what children learn at school. Help parents understand their role in teaching correct anatomical names for genitals.

## Use age-appropriate content to teach child sexual abuse prevention and respectful behaviour

Prevention education on safety and respect can begin as early as pre-school and continue into secondary school. Tailor sessions to the children's age and developmental stage.

## Build skills with interactive experiences such as rehearsal and modelling

Children learn skills when they are encouraged to interact. Reading scripts together or role playing is more effective than didactic teaching of facts and concepts or passive activities such as watching videos.

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