

## ***Appropriate vs. Inappropriate Sexual Behaviors in Children***

### Pre-school (ages 4 and under)

Green Level	Yellow Level	Red Level
Explores anatomical differences between boys and girls	Continues asking questions about genital differences	Hurtful masturbatory behaviors or painful erections
Likes to be nude. May show others his or her genitals	Asks others to touch their private parts or may touch others even after being redirected	Role plays in an angry, sad, or aggressive manner
Touches private parts of familiar adults and children.	Excessive interest in nudity or bathroom functions - staring	Displays fear or anger about babies, birthing, or intercourse
Interested in bathroom functions	Smears feces on walls or floor more than one time	Tries to forcibly or secretly undress or touch other people
Uses "dirty" language	Insertion of objects into genitals or rectum after redirection	Sexual knowledge is inappropriate for age
Plays doctor inspecting others' bodies		Continually plays with or smears feces
Random/spontaneous erections		

### Young school age (5-10 years old)

Green Level	Yellow Level	Red Level
Compares genitals with peer-aged friends	Talks in a sexualized manner with others	Hates their own genitals
Interested in touching private parts of peer-aged friends (top end of the age range)	Stares at the private parts of other people	Demands to see the genitals, breasts, buttocks of others
Allows peers to touch their private parts (top end of age range)	Continuous erections	Manipulates or forces other children to engage in sexual acts
Looks at the genitals, buttocks, or breasts of others	Inserts object into own genitals or rectum frequently or to the point of pain	Promiscuous behavior or discussions with strangers
Erections	Touching genitals of an animal	Physical contact with adult causes excessive agitation to child or adult
Inserts objects in own genitals or rectum for physical sensation	Tries to engage in French kissing	Painful erections
Interest in breeding behavior of others	Tries oral, anal, vaginal sex	

### Latency age - middle school (11-13 years old)

Green Level	Yellow Level	Red Level
Touches self/others	Persistent masturbation (particularly in public)	Using coercion, force, manipulation, or weapons to gain sexual access
Mooning	Touching breasts or genitalia of other children or adults that are not in their own peer age	Developmentally inappropriate precocious sexual talk or behavior
Exhibitionistic	Excessive interest in sexual matters	Attempted or completed vaginal or anal intercourse
Kissing/dating	Sexualizing non-sexual situations	Oral/anal sex
Petting	Sexualizing content in play, art, or conversation	Use of objects to perform sexual act
Touches others' genitals (peer-age)		Bestiality
Dry humping	Sexual play with younger children	

### Adolescence (14-17 years old)

Green Level	Yellow Level	Red Level
Sexually explicit conversations with same-age peers	Sexual preoccupation affecting daily functioning	Compulsive masturbation, especially in public
Obscenities and jokes within cultural norms	Pornography interest (explain that porn is NOT real life)	Preoccupation with sexually aggressive pornography
Interested in erotica (porn)	Indiscriminate sexual contact with multiple partners during the same time period	Sexually explicit conversations, threats, or contact with significantly younger children (2 or more years age difference and/or age 12 and under)
Solitary masturbation	Sexually aggressive themes or obscenities	Touching genitals without permission, causing injury
Hugging, kissing, holding hands	Violation of others' body space	Forced sexual contact or penetration
Foreplay (petting, making-out, fondling) and mutual masturbation	Single occurrence of peeping, exposing with known peers	Sexual contact with animals (bestiality)
Sexual behaviors in monogamous (several months or years) relations	Mooning and obscence gestures	