

IDENTIFYING CHILD MOLESTERS

Be wary, but not paranoid, of adults who have the following characteristics. It is important to note that not everyone who has one or some of these traits is a child molester. These behaviors are, however, risk factors that should lead parents and other concerned adults to more closely examine and monitor children's relationships with individuals who exhibit these traits.

- Adults who seem preoccupied with children
- Single adults who work or volunteer with children's clubs or activities
- Adults who work with children and often spend their free time doing "special things" with them
- Adults who seem to engage in frequent physical contact with children, such as casual touching, caressing, wrestling, roughhousing, tickling, or having children sit on their laps
- Adults who act like children with children or who allow children to do questionable or inappropriate things
- Adults who take children on special outings too frequently or plan activities that include being alone with children
- Adults who seem to interact more often and more easily with children than with other adults
- Adults that children seem to like for reasons you don't understand
- Adults who seem to infiltrate family and social functions or are always available and happy to baby sit
- Adults who continue to engage in concerning behaviors after being asked to stop

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