

# What the Research Says

Understanding the facts is the first step to preventing child sexual abuse.



## 1 in 4 Girls

report experiencing sexual abuse by age 18<sup>1</sup>



## 1 in 20 Boys

report experiencing sexual abuse by age 18<sup>2</sup>



## Children under the age of 9

are most likely to be sexually abused<sup>3</sup>



## In 90 percent of cases,

sexually abused children know their abuser<sup>4</sup>

## There's no one type of offender:

They can be a friend, family member, neighbor, teacher, or coach of any gender



## Nearly 36 percent

of offenders are older children or teenagers<sup>5</sup>



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