

Indicators a child may have been sexual abused

Listed below are some of the indicators that a child between the ages of 2-13 years old may have been sexual abused. Please note that one of these alone, does not necessarily indicate abuse.

- ∞ Withdrawing from others
- ∞ Public masturbation
- ∞ Wetting accidents
- ∞ Sexual play with toys
- ∞ Re-occurring stomach aches, headaches and sore throats
- ∞ Touching others private parts
- ∞ Eating changes (increase or decrease in appetite)
- ∞ Kissing and Hugging all the time (even with strangers)
- ∞ Speaking about body parts
- ∞ Difficulties with separation
- ∞ Sleeping difficulties or nightmares
- ∞ Having lots of worries
- ∞ Fighting
- ∞ Irritability
- ∞ Difficulty concentrating in school
- ∞ Intolerance of physical contact
- ∞ Role Reversal
- ∞ Specific fear of males or females

Adapted from Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR) website: <http://www.woar.org/counseling/indicators-of-abuse.html>