

Pedophiles:

Pedophilia (or paedophilia) is a psychological disorder in which an adult or older adolescent experiences a sexual preference for prepubescent children. According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), pedophilia is specified as a form of paraphilia in which a person either has intense sexual urges towards children and experiences recurrent sexual urges towards and fantasies about children that they have either acted on, or cause distress or interpersonal difficulty. The diagnosis can be made under the DSM or ICD criteria for persons age 16 and older. Most offenders do not meet the clinical diagnosis standards for pedophilia.

Predators:

Predators using abduction and violence amount to less than 1% of all child molestations. Some may abuse family members, but most predatory offenses are extra-familial. Predators seek out children to victimize by placing themselves in positions of trust, authority, and easy access to youngsters. Predators have the highest rate of recidivism (17%).

Child Molesters:

Most child molesters are not pedophiles, but are often someone who is attracted to adults, yet they may molest children as a maladaptive way to meet their own emotional needs. The majority of adults who molest a child they know were also sexually abused as children but could not or did not seek treatment for their abuse. Thus these offenders never had a chance to address feelings such as severe anger, resentment, lack of empathy, low self-esteem, and feelings of inadequacy. These incestuous offenders are much less likely to be rearrested for a new sex crime after they have been convicted.

Juvenile Offenders:

A growing number of offenders are actually children themselves. In fact, the average age of a sex offender is 14.5. The most common ways for youths to wind up on the registry are "Romeo and Juliet" relationships, "sexting," or posting suggestive or explicit photos and text with friends on the internet.

17. Your 18 year old son's underage girl friend emails him pictures of her topless. Whether he opens them or not he could:

- A. Be the envy of all his friends.
- B. Be convicted of possession of child pornography, go straight to prison, and be registered for life.
- C. Earn a "high five" from his dad.
- D. Get grounded by his mom, after she gives his dad a few choice words.
- E. All of the above.

18. Internet solicitation where an adult tries to make contact with a child happens to what percent of minors?

- A. 89% C. 24%
- B. 56% D. 3%

19. The show "To Catch a Predator" had over 229 people arrested on national television. How many were registered sex offenders?

- A. 208 D. 37
- B. 156 E. 4
- C. 98

20. Statistics prove your child has the lowest odds of dying by being:

- A. Shot to death by someone.
- B. Killed by a drunken driver.
- C. Hit by lightning.
- D. Kidnapped and killed by a sex offender.
- E. Stabbed.

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What Do You Know About Sex Offenders?

PLEASE take this 20-question quiz; it takes only a few minutes. Educating yourself with these facts will help protect you, your family, and your loved ones.

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1. If while playing basketball with your kids and other neighborhood teenaged kids, you bumped a girl's breast. You could be:
 - A. Playing an aggressive game.
 - B. Embarrassed.
 - C. Ejected from the game.
 - D. Convicted of child sexual molestation.
 - E. All of the above.
2. Which might get your name on the Sex Offender Registry?
 - A. Moon somebody at a party.
 - B. Rape someone at knife- or gun-point.
 - C. Urinate outside.
 - D. Go streaking on a dare.
 - E. All of the above.
3. Teens can be jailed on their first offense for:
 - A. Speeding / reckless driving.
 - B. Smoking pot/consumption of alcohol.
 - C. Consensual sex with a younger partner.
 - D. Assault.
 - E. Theft / burglary.
4. If we locked up every sex offender in the country, we could reduce new sex crimes by
 - A. 48% D. 69%
 - B. 24% E. 5.3%
5. Adam Walsh, John Walsh's son, was killed by:
 - A. A serial killer who is now deceased.
 - B. A drug dealer.
 - C. A sex offender.
 - D. An irate bookie.
 - E. A mobster or gang member.
6. You slap your child's friend on the butt and feel some excitement. You discuss this with your spouse, and agree to jointly go talk to a counselor. The counselor will:
 - A. Tell you not to worry so much.
 - B. Refer you to a special counselor.
 - C. Report you to the police.
 - D. Suggest marriage counseling.
 - E. Call you a pedophile and chase you out.
7. What percentage of online predators are adults posing as teens?
 - A. 58% D. 27%
 - B. 5% E. 87%
 - C. 36%
8. If a Sex Offender has a residency restriction of 500 feet from where children gather, what does that legally mean?
 - A. They can never physically be within 500 feet of a school, park, or daycare.
 - B. They cannot lay their head to "sleep" at night within 500 feet of a school, park, or daycare.
 - C. They cannot give away candy or walk puppies at 300 feet.
 - D. They cannot hide behind a bush in their trench coat within 500 feet of where children gather.
9. Ninety-three percent of all sex crimes are perpetrated by:
 - A. Teachers/coaches/clergymen.
 - B. Family members/close family friends.
 - C. Strangers hanging around parks and playgrounds.
 - D. Michael Jackson
 - E. Lawyers/judges/politicians.
10. Jessica Lunsford's father Mark Lunsford lobbies for tougher Sex Offender laws. His 18 year old son Joshua was convicted, and then received "only ten days in jail" for:
 - A. Smoking some marijuana.
 - B. Having sexual contact with a 14 year old.
 - C. Jaywalking during the Macey's Thanksgiving parade.
 - D. Having Mark for a father.
 - E. Driving While Intoxicated
11. Which released offenders are the least likely to be rearrested for any crime, at any time, during the rest of their lives?
 - A. Sex offenders.
 - B. Drug dealers.
 - C. Burglars.
 - D. Armed robbers.
 - E. People arrested for DWI
12. What type of person is a Sex Offender?
 - A. Construction/utility workers, mechanics.
 - B. Judges, lawyers, doctors and other authority figures.
 - C. Politicians who love to kiss babies.
 - D. Teachers, coaches, and daycare workers.
 - E. All of the above.
13. Sex Offender recidivism rate with treatment can be as low as:
 - A. 94.8% D. 78.6%
 - B. 1.5% E. 56.0%
 - C. 35.7%
14. John Walsh was treated for:
 - A. Crabs
 - B. Compulsive lying.
 - C. Sex addiction.
 - D. Gambling addiction.
 - E. Money laundering.
15. Internet solicitation by other young people happens to what percent of minors?
 - A. 89% C. 24%
 - B. 56% D. 3%
16. Pedophilia is:
 - A. A sexual desire for anyone under 18.
 - B. A sexual desire for an adolescent.
 - C. A sexual desire for a pre-pubescent child.
 - D. A sexual desire for feet.

Answers:

1-E, 2-E, 3-C, 4-E, 5-A, 6-C, 7-B, 8-B, 9-B, 10-B, 11-A, 12-E, 13-B, 14-C, 15-B, 16-C, 17-E, 18-D, 19-E, 20-D