



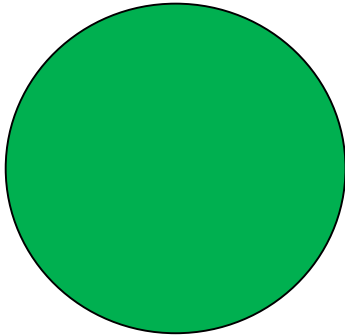
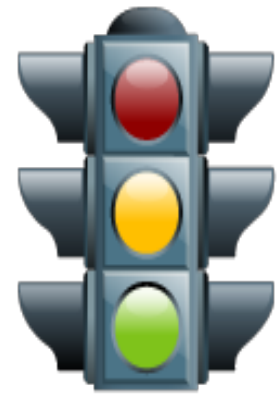
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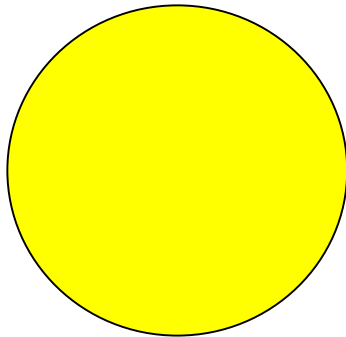
## Child Sexual Development

### What's okay and what's not??



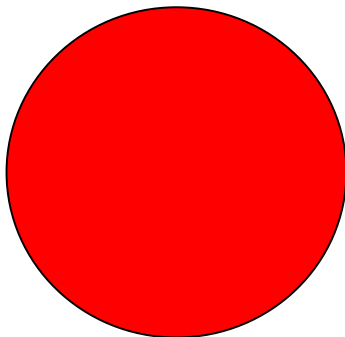
#### Green Light Behaviors—Normal for Children 0-6 years

- Conversations about private body parts with children of the same age
- Questions and conversations about where babies come from
- Playing “you show me yours/I’ll show you mine with peers
- Playing “doctor”
- Masturbation to soothe themselves or out of curiosity
- Imitating adults kissing, flirting, etc.



#### Yellow Light Behaviors—Need adult action to correct and guide

- Trying to expose other people’s private parts (pulling down someone’s pants or lifting up a skirt)
- Looking under bathroom stalls
- Knowing too much about sex or sexual themes
- Masturbating more than just once in awhile or with others
- Talking about sexuality or playing sex games all the time
- Playing foreplay with dolls or other children



#### Red Light Behaviors—Need to STOP and might need outside help

- Talking about sex or sexuality with kids who are not the same age
- Touching other people’s private parts
- Threatening or putting other people down in a sexual way
- Masturbating all the time that interrupts other activities
- Play intercourse with dolls, other children, animals, or with clothing on (humping)

**Possible Signs of Abuse: Any sudden change in how your child acts or his/her personality (a child who loves to play with friends suddenly only wants to be alone)**

- **Knowing too much about sex for his/her age**
- **Medical problems**
- **Not eating or eating too much**
- **Nightmares**
- **Suddenly not trusting someone they used to like**