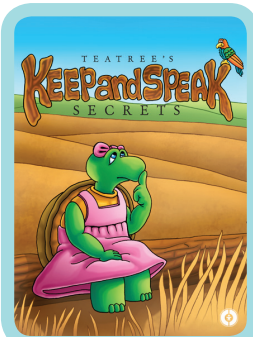


TEATREE TELLS

A Child Abuse Prevention Kit

Child sexual abuse is a serious problem within our society and occurs more frequently than people realize. In order to protect children, it is important to understand what child sexual abuse is, how it happens and how to recognize behaviour that may signal a child in distress. To help accomplish this, as part of its overall prevention program, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection has created the Teatree Tells Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Kit for early educators to use with children four to six years of age. Research shows that teaching children safety skills during their early years increases the likelihood they would disclose sexual abuse.

WHAT THIS KIT INCLUDES:



CHILDREN'S BOOK



1 2
3 4

FOUR POSTERS

1. EXPLORING FEELINGS
2. KEEP & SPEAK SECRETS
3. SECRETS ABOUT TAKING PICTURES ARE NOT OKAY!
4. SECRETS ABOUT TOUCHING ARE NOT OKAY!

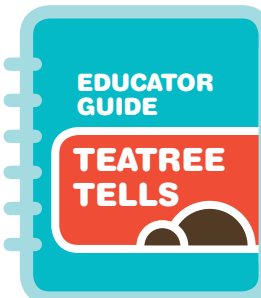


TEATREE PUPPET

Receive a free puppet!
(you must cover the shipping costs)



LESSON AND ACTIVITY BOOK



INCLUDES A REPRODUCIBLE GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Additional online resources at

www.teatreetells.ca



CANADIAN CENTRE for CHILD PROTECTION

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection Inc. is a charitable organization dedicated to the personal safety of all children. Our goal is to reduce child victimization by providing programs and services to Canadians.

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How to Use This Guide



Teaching children about sexual abuse requires preparation and confidence. In advance of using the Teatree Tells Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Kit, we encourage you to spend some time familiarizing yourself with the material. The issue of child sexual abuse is a sensitive topic. The kit has been designed to teach you how to address the subject of child sexual abuse with families and children.

Teatree Tells has been designed to use in education or child care settings. The kit includes lessons for educators and activities for children. Information for parents is also provided to encourage their participation.

1. REVIEWING THE KIT MATERIAL

- Educator Guide (Parent Guide included)
- Lessons for children (4-6 years of age)
- Teatree's Keep and Speak Secrets storybook
- Posters (4 included)
- Laminated User Guide (two-sided)
- Teatree puppet (if you agree to cover the cost of shipping, we will mail you a free puppet)

2. READING THE GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS AND PARENTS

- Introduction (includes "The importance of teaching children personal safety")
- Program outcomes
- Understanding child sexual abuse
- What is concerning behaviour?
- What is grooming?
- How can risks be reduced?
- Addressing the disclosure of child sexual abuse
- Reporting child sexual abuse

3. REVIEWING THE LESSONS

Lessons have been divided into two sections:

- 4-5-year-olds (4 lessons and activities)
- 6-year-olds (4 lessons and activities)

Review the lessons in the section that corresponds with the age group you are teaching.

4. INTRODUCING THE KIT

Decide how you will integrate the kit within your organization. Consider the following questions:

- How will you introduce the kit to the children?
- How can the kit be integrated into the children's daily activities?
- When and how will the lessons be shared?
- Where and for how long will the posters be displayed?
- How will the material from the kit be displayed in the classroom (i.e. puppet and book)?

5. INVOLVING PARENTS

The issue of child sexual abuse is a difficult subject to raise with families. Parents may worry that teaching about touching will frighten their child and create a fear of all adults. Alleviate parents' concerns by providing them with information and creating opportunities for involvement in their child's learning. This includes sharing the parent guide along with lessons and activities for completion at home.

Decide how your organization will involve parents by considering the following questions:

- When will you send home the parent information and activities?
- Will you hold a parent information evening?
- Will you invite parents to look through the lessons in the kit?
- Will children share their journal responses?