

Behaviors Related to Sex & Sexuality

9TH - 12TH GRADE

NATURAL & HEALTHY

Talks about sex with friends.
Exaggerates sexual experiences with peers.

Is concerned about physical and sexual attractiveness.

Posts online about a girlfriend/boyfriend.

Self-stimulation in private is expected to continue.

Looks at/masturbates to nude pictures/videos.

To explore sex and sexuality, goes to video sites, Internet, social media, movies, music, television, or magazines.

Babysits or watches younger children.

Participates in same age/developmental level consensual behaviors.

Sexual experimentation between adolescents of the same age and gender is common.

May be influenced by peers to try risky behaviors (alcohol, tobacco, sex).

OF CONCERN

Talks about sex to known adults or peers, and continues to do it when asked to stop.

Talks/jokes about sexting and/or receiving sexting images.

Uses sexually suggestive language online about self, peers, or others.

Wants to masturbate at inappropriate times such as school, work, or church.

Masturbates to nude pictures/videos and leaves them around where others can see them, after being told not to do so.

Spends considerable amount of time seeking sexual images online, including pornography, to detriment of school, work, family, and friends.

Makes friends/plays unsupervised games with much younger children, as a preference to youth their own age.

Talks about, jokes about, or plays online games where non-consensual behavior takes place.

Sexual promiscuity with peers.

Suddenly has money, toys or other gifts without reason.

SEEK GUIDANCE

Saying he/she is older, continuously seeks sexual conversation with adolescents/adults in person and/or online.

Takes pictures and/or videos of own and/or others' sexual behavior.

Posts materials online that are sexually explicit and/or violent in nature about self/others.

Masturbates in front of siblings/peers/others, or in public places.

Masturbates when it becomes painful, violent, or causes physical harm.

After receiving consequences, continues to view pornography; watches violent or child porn.

Any sexual behavior with younger children or children of different developmental abilities.

Coerces/tricks (emotionally or physically) others to watch/act out sexual behavior.

Sexual activity with adults/unknown people.

Participates in, or is forced into sexual acts in exchange for money/things.

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