

Behaviors Related to Sex & Sexuality

KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

NATURAL & HEALTHY

Asks about the genitals, breasts, intercourse, and babies.

Plays doctor, inspecting other's genitals.

Shows others his/her genitals.

Touches/rubs own genitals when going to sleep, when tense, excited, or afraid.

Plays house, may simulate all roles of Mommy and Daddy.

Talks about sex with friends.
Talks about having a girl/boyfriend.

Draws genitals on human figures for artistic expression or because the figure is being portrayed in the nude.

Interest in touching genitals, breast, buttocks of other same age child or have the child touch his/hers.

Kisses familiar adults and children.

Puts something in own genitals/rectum for the physical sensation, curiosity, or exploration.

OF CONCERN

Shows fear or anxiety about sexual topics.

Frequently plays doctor after repeatedly being redirected.

Wants to be nude in public even after parents' redirect.

Continues to touch/rub genitals in public after being redirected. Rubs (humping) genitals on furniture or other objects.

Humps other children with clothes on. Imitates sexual behavior with dolls/stuffed toy.

Continues sexual talk even when redirected.

Draws genitals on clothed and/or nude figures. Genitals disproportionate to the size of the body.

Continuously wants to touch genitals, breasts, buttocks of other children even after redirection.

French kisses. Talks in a sexualized manner with others. Fearful of hugs and kisses by adults. Upset with public displays of affection. Kisses unfamiliar adult or child.

Puts something in own genitals/rectum frequently or when it feels uncomfortable. Puts something in the genitals/rectum of another child.

SEEK GUIDANCE

Endless questions about sex after curiosity satisfied. Sexual knowledge too great for their age.

Forces another child to play doctor, or to take off their clothes.

Refuses to put on clothes. Exposes self in public after many scoldings.

Touches/rubs self in public and in private to the exclusion of normal childhood activities. Attempts to, or actually rubs genitals on other people.

Humps naked. Intercourse with another child. Forces another child to have sexual contact with them.

Talks about sex and sexual acts habitually. Repeatedly disciplined because of inappropriate sexual talk.

Genitals stand out as the most prominent feature of drawing. Drawings of intercourse, group sex. Sadism/masochism shown.

Manipulates or forces another child to allow touching of genitals, breast, buttocks. Forced or mutual: oral, anal or vaginal sex.

Overly familiar with strangers. Talks/acts in a sexualized manner with unknown adults. Physical contact with adults causes agitation to child or adult.

Coerces or forces putting something in genitals/rectum of another child. Causing harm to own/others' genitals/rectum.

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