



## Grade Five Parent Resource

### Tricks and Lures Used By Sexual Predators

*This resource can be used by parents as a follow-up to the Grade 5 lesson.*

#### **Bad News Trick**

The predator tells the child that something bad has happened (sickness or death of a parent, fire...) and that the predator was asked to pick up the child and bring them home. Make sure that you have a plan made with your child if you need to have someone else pick up the child. You and your child can share a code that someone would need to know before the child can safely go with them.

#### **Bribe Trick**

The predator offers something special that the child may want, then ask for sexual favors in return.

#### **“Can I Help You?” Trick**

The predator may give assistance to a child when needed or may offer to help the family of the child by offering rides, or babysitting. This puts the predator in a position of trust for future abuse.

#### **Drug and Alcohol Trick**

Drugs and/or alcohol might be given to a child to make it easier to take advantage of him/her.

#### **Game Trick**

Wrestling, tickling, accidental or deliberate contact with genitalia as part of the rules to a game played with a child.

#### **Help Me Trick**

The predator may ask for help from a child such as asking for directions, finding a lost pet, carrying heavy packages.



## **Tricks and Lures Used By Sexual Predators, continued**

### **Internet Trick**

Predators will try to get personal information from the child. The predator may act as though they are the same age as the child to set up a friendship. They will often send the child sexual material, and will try to set up a meeting with the child. Parental supervision during computer time is the best way to be aware if any of this is happening.

### **Position of Power or Authority Trick**

A predator may be in a position of authority such as a coach, police officer, priest or teacher and use this position to get children to be obedient to their request.

### **You Are Special Trick**

The predator gives special attention or favor to a child to gain trust and for future sexual abuse.