

Tips for Creating Safe Schools

- Acknowledge that Child Sexual Abuse occurs in schools and there is a need to be proactive about prevention
- Understand that there is specific type of people who abuse children It can be men or women and they are like you and me
- Educate Children about protecting themselves. Talking about abuse does not make them skeptical. Information should be dispensed in an age-appropriate manner.
- Encourage Children to talk about difficult and unpleasant experiences. Share
 information about helplines and apps that would help them to access support if
 needed.
- Create a culture of conversation in school between ALL stakeholders
- Develop a child protection policy in school. It is mandatory in our opinion.
- Educate EACH staff and those having access to children about abuse and the child protection policy of the School.
- Educate yourself about the existing laws and organisations/statutory bodies you can reach out to, should you need help.

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