Important Tips to Teach Children

Sexual predators manipulate children and work hard to make sure children do not disclose the abuse that is going on. In many cases, children do not understand that what is happening to them is wrong. You can fight back by using the following techniques.

Teach Your Children:

- The proper names of body parts
- The difference between secrets and surprises
- That they (the children) are in charge of their bodies
- What your family's rules and boundaries are
- Bathing suit areas no one should touch you in those areas or take pictures
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 pictures
- OK vs. Not OK touches
- How to say "No"
- It's OK to withdraw consent at any time
- No matter what happened it is not your child's fault if an adult or an older child/teen did something to them
- No matter how important someone is or how much everyone likes that special someone, your child can always let you know if that person violated any of your family rules or made your child feel uncomfortable
- To keep telling until somebody listens and makes it stop

We all play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect.

