

Safe Touches

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A safe touch is wanted and fun.

Safe touches make you feel happy, excited, loved, and proud.

Things like:

- hugs
- high-fives
- fist bumps



An ouch touch is unwanted and hurts.

Ouch touches make you feel hurt, scared, angry, and sad.

Things like:

- hitting
- pinching
- kicking



An unsafe touch is unwanted.

Unsafe touches make you feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, yucky, and confused.

An unsafe touch is when someone touches a child's private body parts or asks a child to touch theirs.



The private parts are what we cover with a swimsuit.

They are called:

- penis
- testicles
- vulva
- vagina
- buttocks
- breasts



If an adult touches your private parts to help you be safe and healthy, that's ok!

Things like:

- A doctor giving a check-up
- A parent changing a baby's diaper
- A parent giving a child a bath



It is against the law for an adult to give a child an ouch touch OR an unsafe touch!

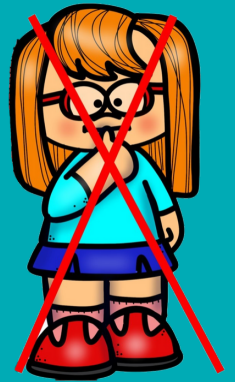
If someone tries to give you an unsafe touch or an ouch touch, you should....

- 1** Look the person in the eye and tell them to **STOP** in a strong voice that says "I really mean it!"



- 2** Remember that it is **NEVER** a child's fault when an adult gives them an **unsafe touch or an ouch touch.**

Never keep secrets about ouch touches or unsafe touches, even if the person tells you you're in trouble or they will hurt you.



- 3** Tell an adult you trust as soon as you can! Keep telling until someone helps you.



You might tell...

- a parent or guardian
- a grandparent
- other family members
- a teacher
- a social worker
- a principal
- a police officer

Make a report to the hotline:

1-800-25-ABUSE
(1-800-252-2873)

Contact YWCA Evanston/North Shore with questions about this sheet, child sexual abuse, or healthy relationships:

bhr@ywca-ens.org
847-864-8780 (24 hour domestic violence hotline)