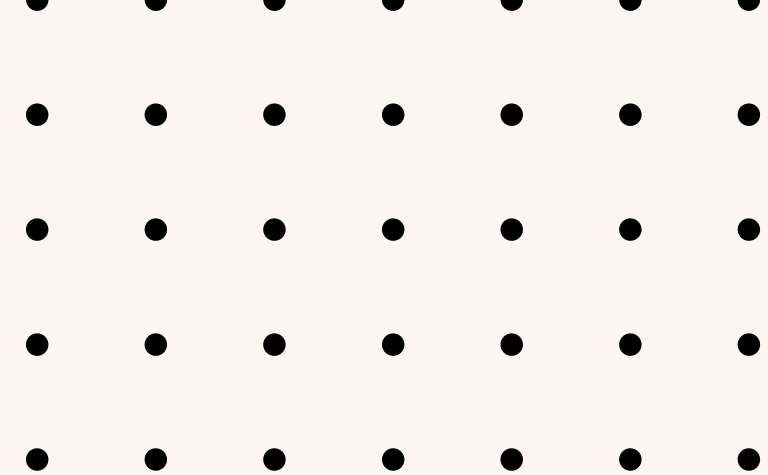
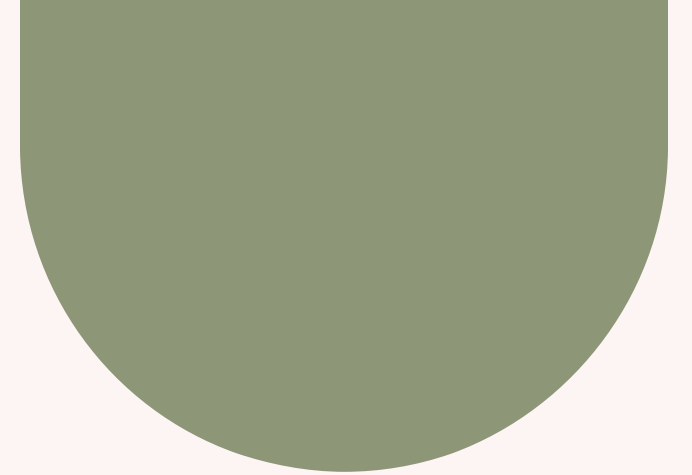




Stay Safe, Stay Smart

CCSD Student Personal Safety Program



CCSD Middle Schools



The content in the upcoming slides is sensitive in nature and discusses the topic of human trafficking and inappropriate or unsafe behavior by adults or older kids.

If you need to speak to a trusted adult, please talk to your teacher or school counselor.

What Is Erin's Law?

- Named after Erin Merryn, a survivor of childhood sexual abuse.

- Erin's Law is a legislative initiative aimed at preventing child sexual abuse by mandating age-appropriate education in public schools across the United States.

- Erin's Law is about teaching kids how to recognize and report abuse.

What is sexual assault?

Sexual assault is a type of **sexual abuse**.

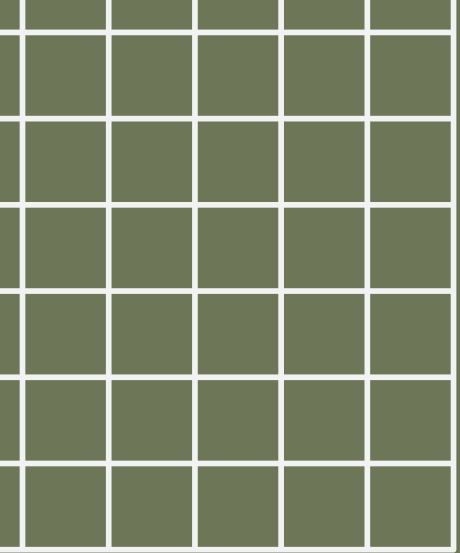
It generally refers to unwanted sexual contact or behavior that occurs without a person's permission (consent).

It can include:

- Touching that makes someone feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Comments, jokes, or actions that are inappropriate.
- Pressuring or forcing someone to do something sexual, even without touching.

Why It Matters?

- 1 in 4 girls experience abuse before age 18.
1 in 6 boys experience abuse before age 18.
- Most abuse is by someone the child knows.
- You have the right to be safe and the power to speak up.
- It can happen to anyone, any age, any gender.



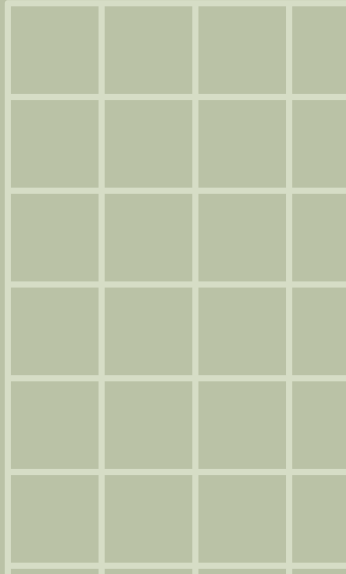
Why is it important?



- **Not all abuse is visible — some kids keep it a secret.**
- **Erin's Law makes sure students know:**
 - **How to recognize abuse.**
 - **It's never the child's fault.**
 - **Who they can talk to and trust.**



Safe vs. Unsafe Touches

- Safe touches: hugs from people you trust, high-fives, doctor check-ups (with a trusted adult there).
 - Unsafe touches: touches that make you feel scared, confused, or uncomfortable.
 - You have the right to say NO to unsafe touches.
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What Should You Do?

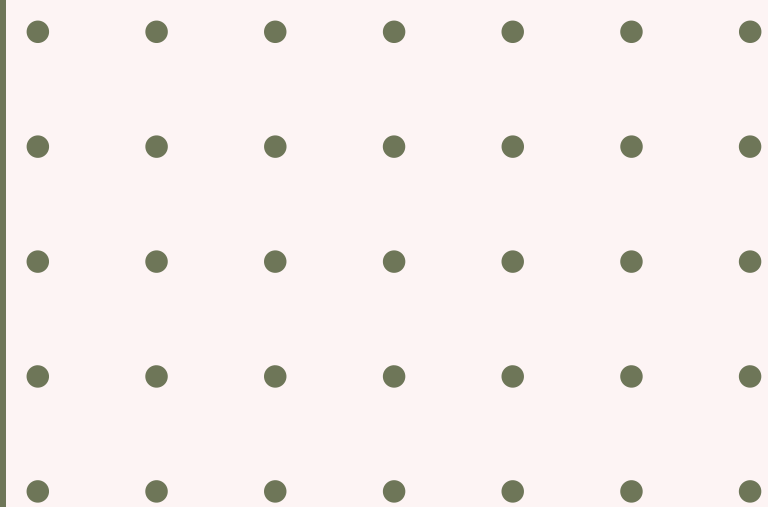
- Say NO clearly.
- Get away from the situation.
- Tell a trusted adult (teacher, counselor, parent, coach).
- Keep telling until someone listens and helps.

Recognizing Risk and Getting Help: Why Having a Trusted Adult Matters!

- Everyone deserves to be safe and respected.
- Some unsafe situations can be hard to recognize at first.
- People who want to exploit others often try to gain trust first.
- Knowing warning signs helps protect you and your friends.
- Trusted adults can help when something doesn't feel right.

Exploit: to take advantage of someone for your own benefit, often by using tricks, pressure, lies, or manipulation.

What is human trafficking ?



Human trafficking is when someone is forced, tricked, or pressured into doing something against their will, examples

- Working without pay.
- Being used or sold for sex.
- It can happen to anyone, even kids.

Key signs of Human Trafficking

- Someone is controlling who you talk to or where you go.
- A friend suddenly has expensive things but won't say where they got them.
- They're being secretive, afraid, or talking to strangers online.
- Grooming: When someone is trying to build trust to take advantage of you.



Online Safety

Social Media & Messaging Apps

Predators use platforms like Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, WhatsApp, and TikTok to:

- **Groom victims** by building trust, offering attention, affection, or false promises (love, money, modeling jobs).
- **Recruit** victims by posing as peers, influencers, or employers.
- **Control** victims through threats, blackmail (often with private photos or personal info), or manipulation.
- **Advertise victims**, especially in sex trafficking, by posting inappropriate content or arranging online “appointments.”

Report it!

- **Speak to a trusted adult in your school, examples:**
 - School Counselors, Assistant Principal, Nurse, Teacher, Coach or School Resource Officer (SRO)
- **Call 911 or Child Abuse Hotline: 1-855-GACHILD**
- **National Human Trafficking Resource Center & National Hotline (888) 373-7888 or Text: “BeFree” to 233733 (24/7)**
- **Vector Alert Website: <https://cherokee-ga.safeschoolsalert.com>**



Reminders

Many people care about your safety!
It's never your fault if someone hurts or tricks you!
It's always okay to ask for help!
Know your rights!
Know the signs!
Speak up!
Help others stay safe too!

Resources:

- [HT Awareness Student Guide.pdf](#)
- [Microsoft PowerPoint - GA DOE Presentation.pptx](#)
- [Human Trafficking of Children in the United States-A Fact Sheet for Schools | U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [Student Health and Wellbeing – Georgia Department of Education](#)
- [Choosing the Best WAY - Choosing the Best](#)
- <https://www.erinslaw.org/erins-law/>