

## SPOTTING PEDOPHILES





Child molesters - Pedophiles come from all walks of life and from all socioeconomic groups. They can be male or female, rich or poor, employed or unemployed, religious or non-religious, highly educated or non-educated, or from any race. It usually is those that hide behind the cloak of normality and respectability within our community that are the worst offenders of them all. They thrive on this respect and the control over their victim, in knowing that he/she can convince many other's that the child is lying and is looking for attention.

## There are some common characteristics of sexual predators;

Refusal to take responsibility for actions and blames others or circumstances for failures

A sense of entitlement

Low self-esteem

Need for power and control

Lack of empathy

Inability to form intimate relationships with adults

History of abuse

Troubled childhood

Deviant sexual behavior and attitudes

## Common attributes of Paedophiles

Pedophiles are notoriously friendly, nice, kind, engaging and likeable.

Pedophiles target their victims, often insinuating themselves into that child's life through their family, school, house of worship, sports and hobbies.

Pedophiles are professional con artists and are experts at getting children and families to trust them.

Pedophiles will smile at you, look you right in the eye and make you believe they are trustworthy.

Often offend where they won't get caught — when they have misdirected people's attention

Often married or in relationships

Offend when the victim is handy

Not always strangers, often family members, family friends and neighbors

Good manipulators (seduction is an integral part)

Overly self-indulgent

Arrogant

