

# The role of educators against online child sexual abuse

There may be victims of online sexual abuse amongst the students in your centre. Children are often unaware that it is a crime, they feel ashamed and do not know how to act. As an educator, you can help them.




## What warning signals should make you react?

- ◆ Irritable behaviour, aggressiveness, sadness or crying.
- ◆ Eating or sleep disorders.
- ◆ Friendships' changes or social isolation.
- ◆ Drops in academic performance or absenteeism.
- ◆ Odd behaviour when using their mobile phone or the Internet.



## What can you do as an educator?

-  **Support the child from the first moment:** they are very vulnerable and need to feel safe.
-  **Encourage them to tell you what has happened.** Listen without judging and protect their privacy.
-  **If you think there is a problem,** share your concern with the designated members of the school staff and the student's family.
-  Engaging in sexual activities with a minor is a crime. **Report it to the police.**
-  **Make use of the educational guidance services** and promote preventive and awareness activities.

**The helpline,** Safer Internet Centre or law enforcement agency of your country can give you further guidance and advice.

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