

Sexual Play vs. Problematic Sexual Behaviors Case Examples

A mother walks into her thirteen-year-old son's bedroom and finds he is having sexual intercourse with his eight-year-old sister. In a panic, she rushes the young girl into the car and speeds to the pediatrician's office where she asks about the activity. Is the child all right? Is this normal for kids their ages?

A preschool teacher becomes very frustrated and concerned when one of the children refuses to take a nap and instead quietly proceeds to put his hand inside the diapers of other sleeping children. He becomes surprised and annoyed when the teacher places him back in his cot, and after several attempts to repeat this behavior he masturbates himself to sleep.

A six-year-old boy who plays unsupervised in his apartment complex after school is observed taking smaller children behind bushes, pulling them to the ground, turning them over, and attempting to insert a stick or a finger in the children's anuses.

A nine-year-old girl causes great alarm when several of her girlfriends report that when they go to the bathroom with her, she shows them her breast and wants everyone to show theirs. Sometimes she offers one or two dollars if friends will let her touch their breasts.

Two four-year-olds are playing doctor, and when mother enters the room they yell at her to leave, saying they are doing "private things." The mother notices both children have disrobed down to their underwear.

A fourteen-year-old boy masturbates to orgasm in the presence of a six-year-old boy he is babysitting. The scared six-year-old talks to his mother when the teenager insists that the boy watch him ejaculate.

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