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WHO IS A CHILD?

- ightharpoonup A person who is in the age group of 0 18 years is a child as per Indian law.
- ➤ This is applicable to both Boys and Girls.

WHO IS A CHILD?

- 0 6 years? 0 21 years? 0 18 years?
- 14 years?



WHAT ARE THE PRIVATE PARTS OF A CHILD?

- ➤ A boy's private parts are the GENITALS and BOTTOM.
- ➤ A girl's private parts are the GENITALS, BOTTOM and BREASTS.
- Private parts are not for sharing.
- ➤ We should not allow anyone to do anything to our private parts.
- ➤ We should not do anything to any other persons private parts.



WHAT ARE THE PRIVATE PARTS OF A CHILD?

WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE?

- ➤ Child sexual abuse is a form of abuse in which a person uses a child for sexual purposes.
- ➤ Child sexual abuse can occur in a variety of settings, including home, street, school, work, etc.
- ➤ Child sex offenders can be a known as well as unknown persons to the child.
- ➤ A child sex offender can be male or female.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CAN BE OF THREE TYPES: {AS PER POCSO, ACT, 2012}

- > Sexual Harassment
- > Sexual Assault
- ➤ Penetrative sexual Assault



SEXUAL HARASSMENT INCLUDES

EVE TEASING

A person is said to commit **sexual harassment** upon a child when such person with **sexual intent**:

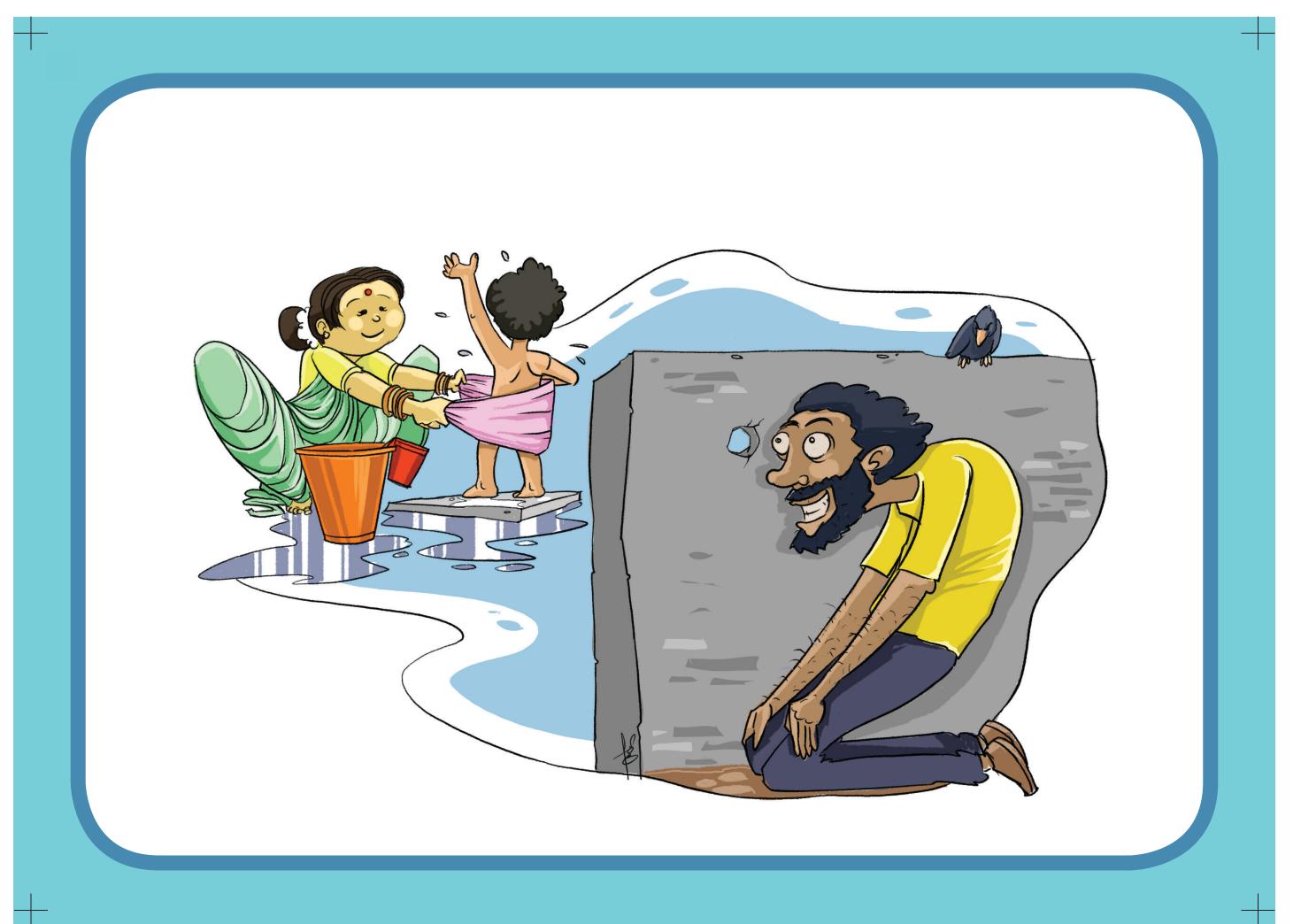
➤ Utters any word or makes any sound, or makes any gesture or exhibits any object or part of body with the intention that such word or sound shall be heard, or such gesture or object or part of body shall be seen by the child.



SEXUAL HARASSMENT INCLUDES

SEEING A CHILD BATHE

- Makes a child exhibit his body or any part of his body so as it is seen by such person or any other person.
- ➤ Repeatedly or constantly **follows or watches** or contacts a child either directly or through electronic, digital or any other means.



SEXUAL HARASSMENT INCLUDES

SHOWING A CHILD PORNOGRAPHIC CONTENT ON THE PHONE OR A MAGAZINE

- > Shows any object to a child in any form or media for pornographic purposes.
- Threatens to use, in any form of media, a real or fabricated depiction through electronic, film or digital or any other mode, of any part of the body of the child or the involvement of the child in a sexual act.
- ➤ Entices a child for pornographic purposes.



SEXUAL ASSAULT INCLUDES

TOUCHING A CHILD INAPPROPRIATELY

Whoever, whether male or female, with sexual intent involves physical contact with a child, without penetration is said to commit sexual assault.

A person is committing a sexual assault if with sexual intent a person touches the vagina, penis, anus or breast of the child.

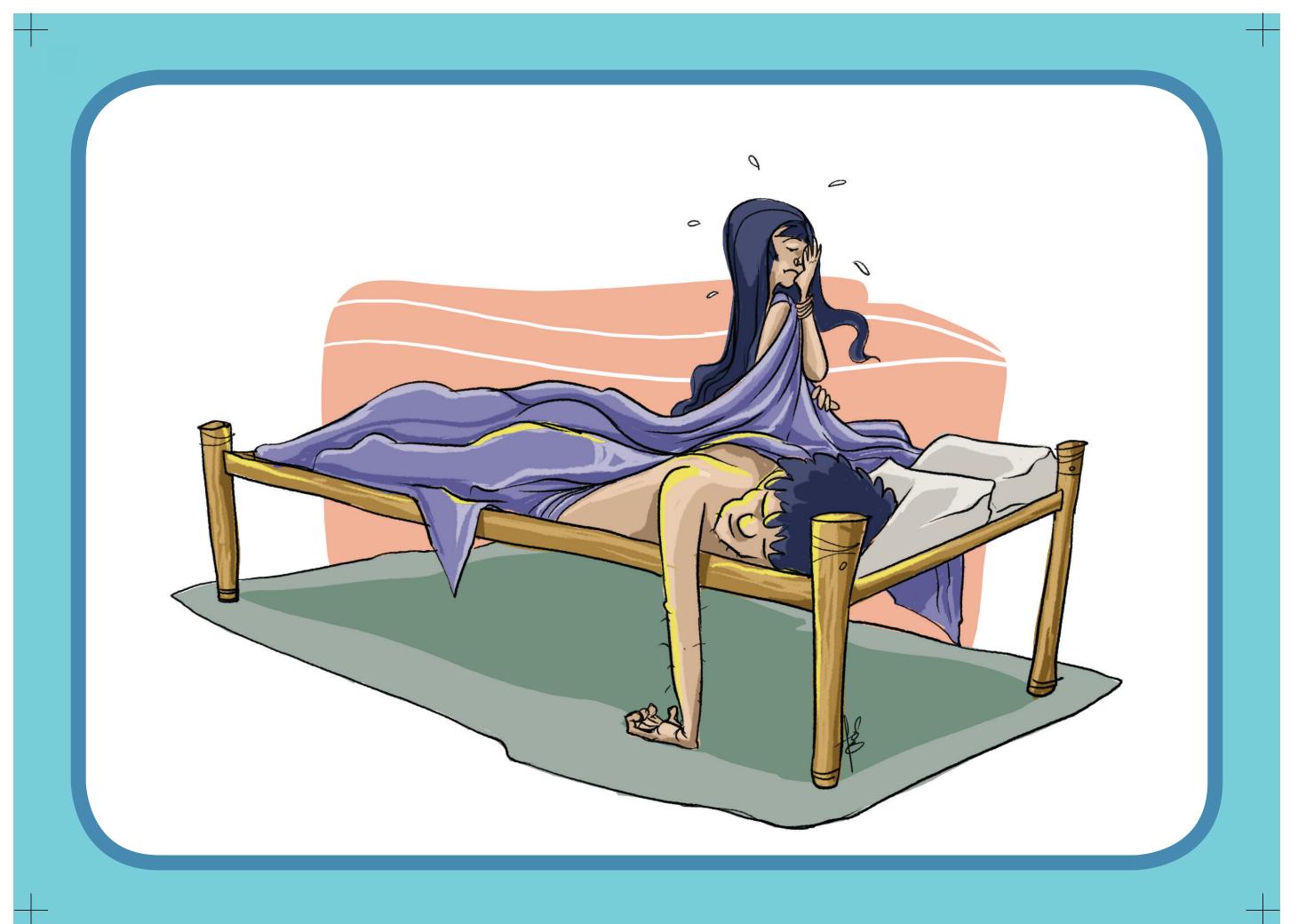
MAKING A CHILD TOUCH AN ADULT INAPPROPRIATELY

A person is committing a sexual assault, if the person makes the child touch the vagina, penis, anus or breast of such person or any other person.



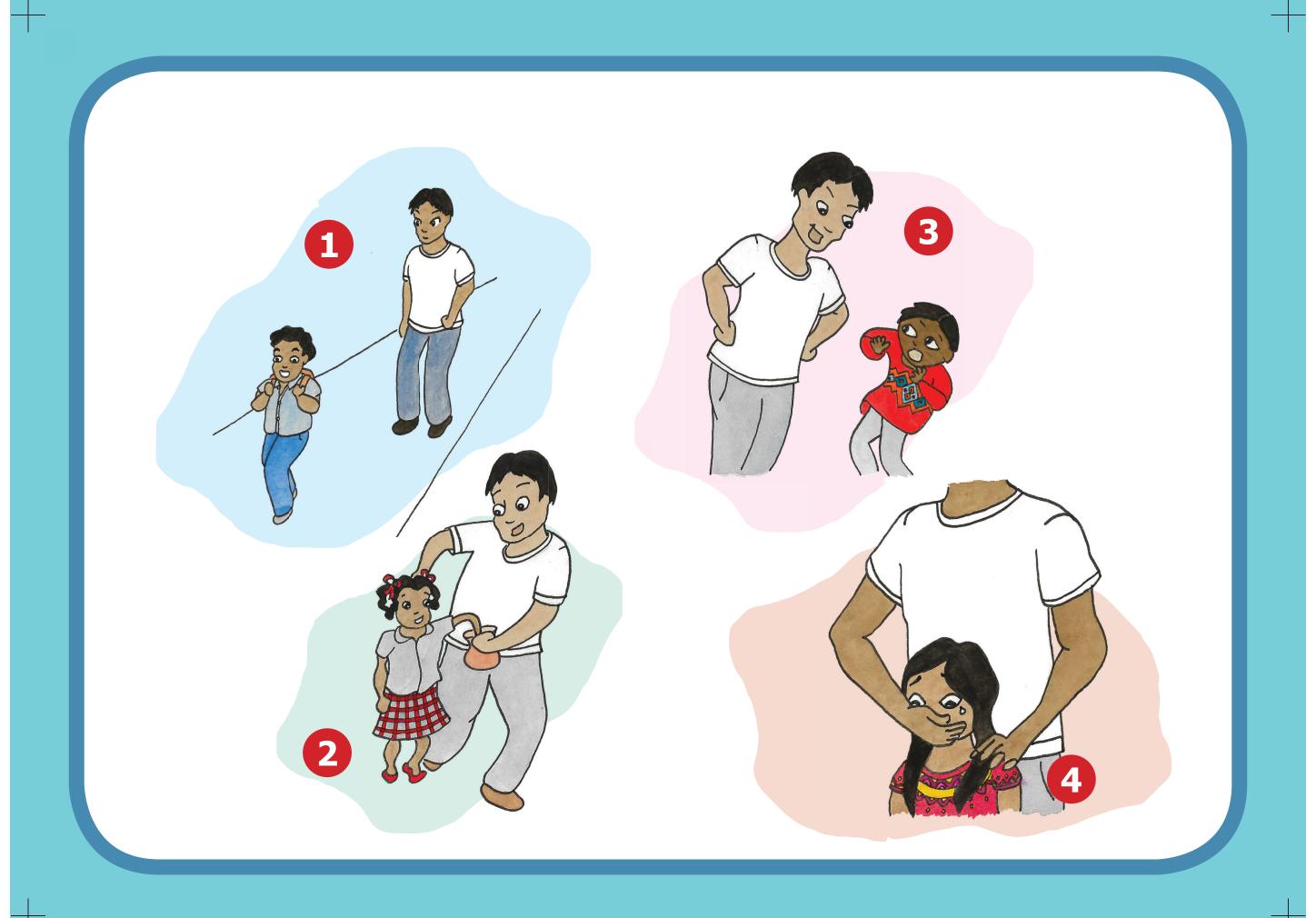
PENETRATIVE SEXUAL ASSAULT

A person is said to commit "Penetrative Sexual Assault" if he penetrates his penis, to any extent, into the vagina, mouth, urethra or anus of a child or makes the child to do so with him or any other person; or he inserts, to any extent, any object or a part of the body, not being the penis, into the vagina, the urethra or anus of the child or makes the child to do so with him or any other person; or he manipulates any part of the body of the child so as to cause penetration into the vagina, urethra, anus or any part of body of the child or makes the child to do so with him or any other person; or he applies his mouth to the penis, vagina, anus, urethra of the child or makes the child to do so to such person or any other person.



PROCESS ADOPTED BY AN ABUSER TO ABUSE A CHILD

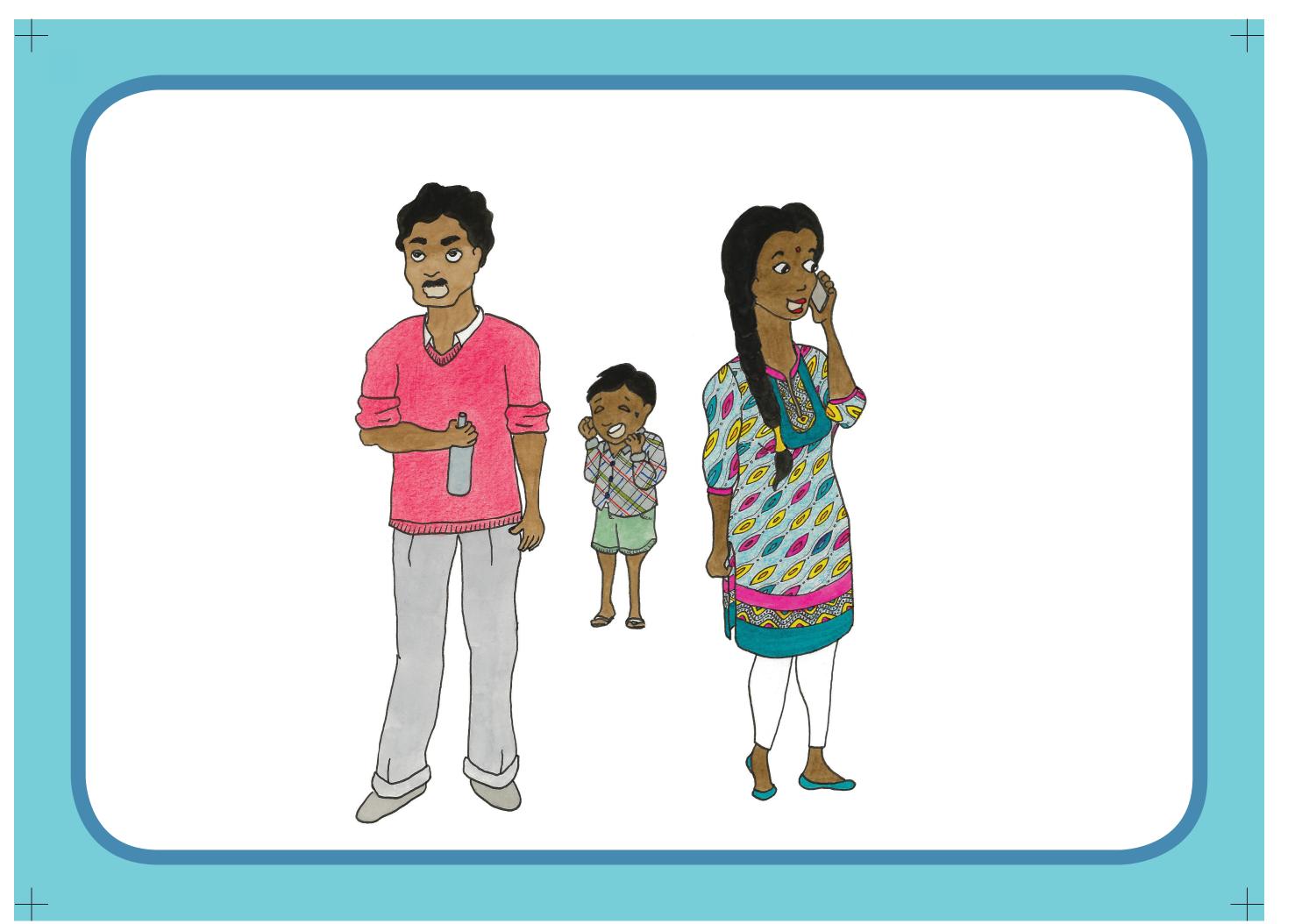
- 1. Abuser identifies a child.
- 2. Befriends the child.
- 3. Frightens & Threatens the child.
- **4.** Tests / abuses for the first time and then Repeatedly abuses.



CHILDREN AT HIGH RISK FOR SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse can happen to a child of any age and gender. There is no particular reason for a child to be at risk. Some of the risk factors can be:

- ➤ Child where there is addiction in the family
- ➤ Child who has emotionally unstable parents
- ➤ Child lacking love and care.
- ➤ Child in a dysfunctional family (conflict, misbehaviour, neglect)
- ➤ Child with poor parent child relationship
- Unsupervised child
- Child without shelter



- ➤ A child who was very friendly has stopped talking.
- > Sits by themselves and does not play with anyone.
- ➤ A child complains of pain in the lower abdomen.



- ➤ Fear
- ➤ A child has received unexplained gifts from unknown persons.
- ➤ Sudden change in behaviour in the child



- ➤ A child repeatedly tells you he/she does not want to go to a certain place or to a person.
- > the child shows irritability and temper tantrums.
- ➤ The child looks confused and lost in thought.



- ➤ Child seems to be spoilt, stubborn, lazy.
- The child shows aggression, breaks things, is violent and may have uncontrollable temper.
- ➤ The child has become disobedient.



The child shows disrespect and frustration with certain people around.



HANDLING A CHILD

- ➤ **OBSERVE** the child.
- ➤ **LISTEN** to the child.
- ➤ TALK to the child.
- ➤ **BELIEVE** Show the child that you believe what they say.



HANDLING A CHILD

- > TRUST the child and share that trust with them
- **BUILD CONFIDENCE** in the child.
- ➤ LINK to Ngo / Service Provider



APPROACHING AGENCIES

- ➤ Police Call 100
- ➤ Call Child helpline 1098
- ➤ NGO
- ➤ School



➤ A group of 15 year old Boys look into the toilet when the women are inside. (Not CSA but Sexual Harassment)



➤ A boy and a girl goes on a date to the Beach without informing anyone. (Not CSA)



➤ A 20 year boy touches a 17 year girl's breast when she is walking in the galli. (CSA: Sexual Assault)



- ➤ A 17 year boy and 16 year girl are in love and they elope. (Not CSA)
- ➤ A 17 year boy and 16 year girl are in love and elopes and when rescued by the police the girl shares that they had sex.

(CSA: Penetrative Sexual Assault)



MYTHS AND FACTS

MYTH: Sexual abuse is due to the behaviour or the way the child dresses.

FACT: Child is not to be blamed for the abuse. It is the abuser who needs to be blamed as he/she has misused his/her power, position with the child and broken the trust of the child.

MYTH: A known person cannot sexually abuse the child.

FACT: Abusers are usually known to the child and the family.

MYTH: Child Sexual Abuse happens only to poor and migrant families.

FACT: The abuser does not target the child based on class, region or financial status of the child.

MYTH: It is best if the child forgets the abuse.

FACT: Abuse causes emotional and psychological disturbances in the child. It can be healed with professional service and care.



ANY QUESTIONS?







