



# WHY PARENTS SHOULD TEACH CHILDREN CORRECT TERMS FOR GENITALS, SUCH AS “PENIS,” “SCROTUM,” “VAGINA,” “VULVA”

**Key to prevention**

Teaching correct terms for genitals, such as penis, vagina, vulva, is fundamental for child sexual abuse prevention programs (Kenny et al., 2008).

**“I said NO!”**

Knowing correct terms for genitals gives children the notion their body belongs to them (Citak Tunc et al., 2018).

**Reporting**

Knowledge of genital names helps children report abuse (Kenny & Wurtele, 2008).

**Helps subsequent education**

Knowledge of genital names provides foundation for subsequent sexual education (Kenny & Wurtele, 2008).

**Aids investigation**

Knowing correct terms for genitals aids investigation (Eisen et al., 2001).

**Aids prosecution**

Knowing correct terms for genitals aids prosecution (Eisen et al., 2001).

**Decreases risks**

Children who know the correct terms for genitals, such as penis, vagina, vulva, are at a lower risk for becoming victims (Elliot et al., 1995).

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