

# KNOWING CORRECT TERMS FOR GENITALS, SUCH AS PENIS, SCROTUM, VAGINA, VULVA, VITAL FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION

## Child sexual abuse must be prevented.

- Teaching correct terms for genitals, such as penis, vagina, vulva, is fundamental for child sexual abuse prevention programs (Kenny et al., 2008).
- Knowing correct terms for genitals gives children the notion their body belongs to them (Citak Tunk et al., 2018).
- Knowledge of genital names helps children report abuse and provides foundation for subsequent sexual education (Kenny & Wurtele, 2008).
- Knowing correct terms for genitals aids investigation and prosecution (Eisen et al., 2001).
- 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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