

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.

Child sexual abuse has serious consequences.

- Child sexual abuse includes various experiences, from noncontact abuse, such as exposure, voyeurism, and child pornography, to genital fondling to violent genital, oral and anal rape.
- Child sexual abuse occurs to approximately 8% of men and 20% of women under the age of 18 (Pereda et al., 2009).
- Most child sexual abuse cases are not reported (Olafson & Lederman, 2006).
- Child sexual abuse crosses all cultural and socioeconomic status boundaries (Gray et al., 2018).
- Consequences for victims include psychological, behavioral, sexual and medical issues, which often continue into adulthood (Maniglio, 2009).



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