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What Is My Child Learning?

Your child is learning never to keep secrets about touching, that it's never his or her fault if someone breaks the Touching Rule, and to keep telling adults about a broken Touching Rule until someone helps.

Why Is It Important?

Students may be afraid to tell about sexual abuse because they've been told to keep it a secret. Knowing touching secrets are not okay and they can get help if they tell someone makes it more likely students will report abuse.

Ask your child: What is the Never Keep Secrets Rule?

Read Together

You should never keep secrets about touching. This is the Never Keep Secrets Rule. If someone breaks the Touching Rule and tells you to keep it a secret, you need to tell an adult. Always telling an adult about a broken Touching Rule helps you stay safe. Remember, if you tell an adult and he or she doesn't help you, keep telling until someone helps.

Practice Together: Reporting a Broken Touching Rule

- 1. With your child, think of what to say to report a broken Touching Rule. Help your child write a script for reporting a broken Touching Rule below.
- **2.** Help your child practice saying the script assertively—standing tall with head high and shoulders back, speaking in a strong, respectful voice, and using respectful words.
- 3. Help your child remember all the other adults he or she can go to for help.
- 4. Pretend to be those other adults so your child can practice telling them someone broke the Touching Rule.
- 5. If possible, have your child practice the script with other trusted adults.

Broken Touching Rule Report Script

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(CHILD'S NAME)

(DATE)

(ADULT'S SIGNATURE)

