



• How do we make our children & churches safe

Australian Government

• Despite legislation, cases not being reported

60% of those organisations are faith basedA lack of staff/volunteer training being identified

Some key points:

• Allegations of abuse so far in 1000 organisations

• Can offenders be rehabilitated?

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I am very conscious of the fact that there will be people here today who are survivors of, or impacted by abuse either directly or indirectly



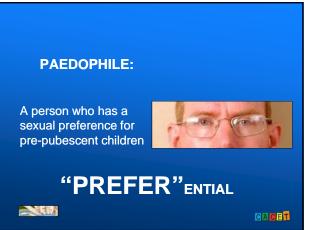




PAEDOPHILE:

A person who has a sexual preference for pre-pubescent children





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CHILD MOLESTER

A significantly older person who engages in any type of sexual contact with persons legally defined as children

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TWO PARTICULAR TYPES OF OFFENDERS

SITUATIONAL / PREFERENTIAL

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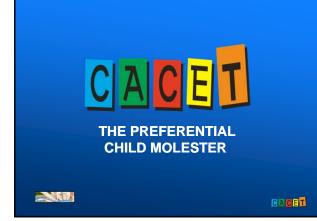
TYPES OF CHILD MOLESTERS

SITUATIONAL

- Does not have a true sexual preference for children
- Engages in sex with children for varied and complex reasons
- May range from "one off" to long term pattern
 of behaviour

Fewer child victims

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TYPES OF CHILD MOLESTERS

PREFERENTIAL

- Over 25, single, never married
- A definite sexual preference for children
- Highly predictable patterns of behaviour
- Potential to molest large numbers of victims
- Age and gender preferences

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BEHAVIOURAL PATTERNS THAT EMERGE

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 Often seek to engage in jobs and hobbies which will provide them access to, and control of children

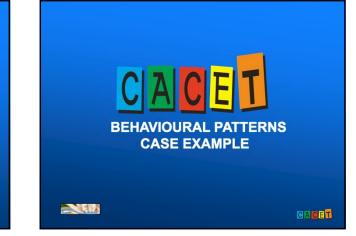


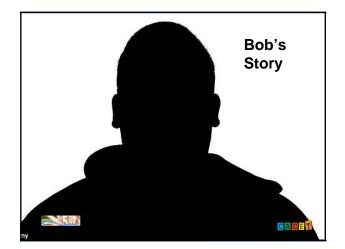


THE CHURCH

& CHURCH AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS ARE SEEN BY MANY OFFENDERS AS A SOFT TARGET

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BEHAVIOURAL PATTERNS CASE EXAMPLE

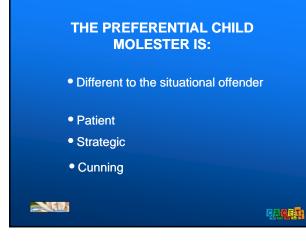
- Visited churches to assess opportunities
- Chose the church based on its vulnerability
- Implemented the perfect grooming process
- Connected with people and became:
 - Liked
 - Valued
 - Appreciated

= Protection

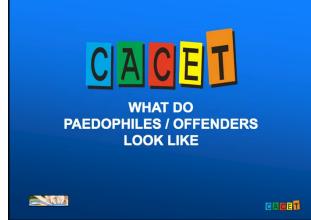
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- Was almost adopted by one particular family
- Became one of the family
- Gained the absolute trust of the family
- Began a process of division
- Became the boys "counsellor"
- Built a wall of secrecy/confidentiality

Did not immediately offend







Name: Dennis Raymond Ferguson Age: 55

Kidnapped 3 children held them captive and sexually molested them for 3 days

Sentence: 14 years jail, with the Judge saying his chances of rehabilitation were "nil"





Name: Nicolette Anne Leigh Age: 29

Pleaded guilty to: Intercourse with one boy, and oral sex on several 12 year old boys

Placed on probation for 3 years Attorney-General appealed Appeal upheld Sentenced to 2 years imprisonment





"I'm always going to be a paedophile. Every decision I make is based on molesting kids; the friends I make, the jobs I seek, where I shop, where I eat and even where I live."

[Anonymous paedophile in a treatment session]





