

KNOW: Statistics about Abuse



What Statistics Tell Us

- Only 1 in 10 children who are being abused will report it .
- More than 90% of victims know and trust their abuser (perpetrator).
- Statistically neglect is the most common form of abuse (65% of abuse is neglect).
- 30% of sexual abuse is committed by family members.
- 1 in 10 children will experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday.
- more than 70% of child sexual abuse is committed by a peer which can be other juveniles or acquaintances.
- 90% of folks who are perpetrators are never convicted of that crime.

Why We Need to Listen and Believe

- Less than 5% of cases of child abuse and neglect are false.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- WA State Maltreatment Statistics
 - <https://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite/pdf/washington.html>

Sources:

- DACC: Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center, “Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse”, <https://dcac.org>
- D2L: Darkness 2 Light, “Stewards of Children”, <https://www.d2l.org/child-sexual-abuse/statistics/>