

# **PRINCIPLES OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION**

- 1. It is all right for a child to say NO to an adult.**
- 2. It is all right for children to yell, run and otherwise draw attention to themselves in public to protect themselves from danger. Encourage self-assertion.**
- 3. Children have the right to privacy.**
- 4. Children own their bodies.**
- 5. Secrets can be dangerous to young children.**
- 6. There are specific names for all parts of the body, including the genitals.**
- 7. It is all right for children to tell their parents anything that is bothering them.**
- 8. When an adult does something bad to a child, the adult is responsible for the action, NOT the child.**