

# Common Lures

## Help



An adult/teenager acts distressed and seeks help from a child in order to get them to do what they want.

Remember, safe adults who are in distress seek other adults for help, not children.

## Gift



The child is offered a gift if the child goes with or does something the adult/teenager wants.

For example: "If you come to my house and help me out [and play inappropriate touching games] I will take you to a football game."

Remember, do not accept anything without permission from a parent/guardian.

## Name



An adult/teenager pretends to know a child by saying the child's name or saying it is okay for the child to go with them.

Remember, if asked to go and your parents don't know, **SHOUT NO!**

## Game



The adult/teenager touches the child inappropriately and says it was just a game (e.g., wrestling, tickling) or accident.

Remember, you need to talk to a safe adult about any adults/teenagers who are breaking rules/breaking boundaries.

## Authority



The adult/teenager uses her or his position of trust to get the child to do something s/he wants.

For example, the adult tells or encourages the child to do something inappropriate, manipulating the child's trust to comply or engage in the activity.

Remember, be assertive and try to get out of the situation quickly, even using an excuse such as "My parents want me home right away."

## Threats



The adult/teenager threatens to hurt the child or someone the child cares about, get the child into trouble or humiliate the child if s/he does not do what the adult/teenager wants.

For example: "If you do not send me a picture of yourself naked, I will send the picture I have of you in your bra and panties to everyone on your contact list."

Remember, do not comply with a threat — leave the situation and tell a safe adult.



Model in photo. Intended as illustrative.

## Compliments



The adult/teenager uses compliments to try to get a child to do what s/he wants.

For example: "You are so beautiful, you should be a model. Let me see you in a bathing suit so I can see if you would make a good model."

Remember, you need to talk to a safe adult about any adult/teenager who is breaking rules/breaking boundaries.

## Breaking Rules / Breaking Boundaries



The adult/teenager wants to hang out with a child and be her/his friend; this can include online or offline. The adult/teenager gives the child special attention and singles the child out. The adult/teenager encourages or allows the child to do things that the child's parents or other safe adults would not.

For example: An adult invites kids to hang out at his house and encourages or allows them to drink and/or do drugs.

Remember, an adult's job is to protect children.

## Love



An adult/teenager tells a child that s/he loves them and wants to be the child's girlfriend/boyfriend or have an inappropriate relationship.

Remember, adults are responsible for keeping boundaries and relationships healthy and appropriate with children.

## Emergency



The adult/teenager says there is an emergency to get the child to go somewhere or do something the adult/teenager wants.

For example: "Your mom asked me to pick you up because she had to take your grandpa to the hospital."

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## Jobs



A child is offered a job or a way to make money in order for the adult/teenager to gain access to the child.

For example: A child is offered a job to cut her neighbour's grass and is then invited inside to watch inappropriate movies and engage in unsafe activities.

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## Famous



The adult/teenager leads the child to believe they can make them famous if the child does what s/he is told (secrets are kept from the parents).

Remember, be assertive and try to get out of the situation as quickly as possible, even using an excuse such as "My parents want me home right away."