



ZÜNDFUNKE is an Outreach and Help Centre against sexual abuse of children and women.

Girls and boys, women and men have the right to physical and emotional integrity and to help!

Parents, teachers, family members, friends, neighbours and, of course, children and youths are welcome to contact us.

Grown-up women, who were abused in their childhood can also contact us for support.

We offer free counselling:

- That is confidential and anonymous
- on the telephone
- in a personal session, either at our office or in a quiet, safe place in your part of the city. When you come for counselling, a girlfriend or acquaintance may accompany you as well.
- via email: info@zuendfunke-hh.de
- with your choice of female or male interpreter (please let us know in advance).

Our priority is to protect children and help them grow up without violence. Together, we look for solutions.

Here you can find us

Our phones are staffed for counselling and making appointments:

Fon: 040 - 890 1215

Monday 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
 Tuesday 10 am – 12 pm
 Wednesday 12 pm – 2 pm
 Friday 10 am – 12 pm

Feel free to leave a message on our answering machine we will be happy to call you back.



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„Association for prevention and intervention against sexual abuse of children and women“



How can I protect girls and boys in my community – even from sexual violence?

Sexual abuse and sexual assaults

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What are ... sexual abuse and sexual assaults?

It is not just called sexual abuse when a girl or a boy has been raped.

Before that happens, the child has already been subjected to other things that are illegal and unpleasant, for example if a child is told to touch the genitals of a grown-up or if they are photographed naked. Other children are forced to watch pornographic films or their genitals are touched by another person.

Sometimes, older children or youths touch inappropriately smaller children. That is wrong, too. It is harmful for both the small child and the offending girl or boy! ZÜNDFUNKE is right here for you if you have any questions about that.

We know that sexual abuse exists everywhere. No one needs to be ashamed of their own community. It is always the perpetrator who is to be blamed. The most important thing is that the children get helped.

But who does such a thing?

Very rarely children get abused by strangers. Often, the perpetrators know the girls or boys and their families. The children trust them because they are people who command respect, such as teachers, clergy or coaches or they may even be a member of their own family.

The majority of the perpetrators are men, rarely women.

The children affected are not just girls but also boys!

The children and youths are not to be blamed for the assaults! They need our support in order to be protected.

What can you do?

Find out about sexual abuse so that you are informed and can protect children better. We are there for you!

Allow girls and boys plenty of time to tell you about how their day has been. This way, they will have an opportunity to talk about their problems. **LISTEN CAREFULLY! BELIEVE YOUR CHILD! And comfort your child!**

If you are not sure or if someone tells you about sexual abuse, **GET SOMEONE TO HELP YOU. Do not keep this situation to yourself!** We are there for you!

Do NOT talk to the perpetrator first. He or she will deny everything. And: he or she will have been warned.

Once you have reported abuse to the police, you cannot withdraw your statement or drop the charges. Let us plan the best time to notify the police together.

Remember that there is sexual abuse everywhere: in our society as a whole and even in your community.



Believe your child