

West Virginia Department of Education Sexual Abuse Prevention School Personnel Training Module 3 - Discussion Guide

(Minimum Expectation – 20 minutes)

What are boundary violations when referring to sexual abuse?

- Boundary violations include the grooming processes that normalizes sexual behavior between an adult or authority figure and a child.

Here are some examples of appropriate interactions (legitimate health, safety, education reason):

- Assisting a student of appropriate age or disability after a toileting accident
- A coach demonstrating wrestling holds and techniques at practice
- Grabbing a student who is stepping in front of a moving school bus
- Rendering first aid in an emergency

While not all interactions are inappropriate, putting a stop to boundary violations by educators will stop up to 95% of sexual misconduct.

More than 80% of sexual abuse cases occur in isolated, one-on-one situations.

Review the boundary violation handout independently and identify any violations you may have seen or experienced.

- Facilitator should provide the Boundary Violation Handout to all participants at this time.

Ask:

- ***What policies or professional practices are in place at your school to address possible boundary violations similar to those identified on the handout?***
- ***Are there policies or procedures that need to be updated to better address situations that could lead to boundary violations in your school?***

Resources:

Presentation by Donald F. Austin at 22nd Professional Practices Institute of NASDTEC, October 2018

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