

Development of Sexual Behavior in Children			
AGE	NORMAL BEHAVIORS	INHIBITIONS-what stops child from acting-out	ABERANT BEHAVIORS
0-3 Touching Oneself Looking at Others Touching Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Openly masturbates ▪ Walks in on others unannounced ▪ If observes adult sexual activity, will be interested at a level similar to watching someone have a bowel movement 	Clothing interferes with genital stimulation Negative reaction by adults inhibits child grabbing at others' bodies	Excessive masturbation that interferes in play behavior and daily activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tries to rub and smell adults' genitals ▪ Attempts to penetrate others' vaginal or anal openings with own genitals ▪ Attempts to be penetrated by another's genitals
4-6 Touching Oneself Looking at Others Touching Others	Masturbates in private <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Likely to create opportunities to compare their bodies with others' ▪ May hide and observe while person is bathing, using toilet, or undressing ▪ If circumstances permit, children will take advantage of showing each other their bodies and touching each other ▪ Touching is not masturbatory or directed toward sexual gratification but rather exploratory in nature 	Negative reaction by the parent teaches child that genital stimulation is bad Negative reaction by adults teaches children nudity is socially unacceptable Negative reaction by adults inhibits touching others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive masturbation that interferes in play behavior and daily activities ▪ Tries to rub and smell adults' genitals ▪ Attempts to penetrate vaginal or anal openings with genitals ▪ Attempts to be penetrated by another's genitals ▪ Forces sexual involvement of peers or younger children with themselves

<p>7 to 10 Touching Oneself</p>	<p>Masturbates in private (less likely to get caught)</p>	<p>Negative reaction of adults</p>	<p>Excessive masturbation that interferes in play behavior and daily activities</p>
<p>Looking at Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May engage in games that involve sexual exposure (e.g., playing doctor) ▪ May engage in competition (e.g., who can “pee” the farthest) ▪ May engage in dares or initiation into groups that have a sexual component (atmosphere always game-like) 	<p>Negative reaction by adults</p>	<p>Excessive attempts to observe others’ nudity which violates others’ privacy</p>
<p>Touching Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Touching bodies occurs within context of game or play activity ▪ Behavior would involve stroking genitals rather than sexual penetration unless encouraged or pressured by older person to do so ▪ Force or coercion would be absent ▪ Engagement in behaviors influenced by peers pressures and not out of fear 	<p>Internalized values that behavior is wrong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive sex play which interferes in other social activities ▪ Initiates sexual activities with adults ▪ Forces sexual involvement of peers or younger children with themselves

<p>Preadolescent 11 to 12 through adolescent 13-18</p> <p>Touching Oneself</p> <p>Looking at Others</p> <p>Touching Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Masturbates in private or with peers ▪ Achieves greater control over physiological response to self-stimulation ▪ Intense interest in viewing others' bodies- especially the opposite sex ▪ Deliberate peeking at peers of opposite sex ▪ Viewing pornographic materials ▪ Most adolescents engage in some type of interactive sexual behavior with others, including some or all of the following: open-mouth kissing; fondling; penetration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Negative reaction of others ▪ Internalized values ▪ Negative reaction of others ▪ Internalized values ▪ Values that identify premarital sex as wrong ▪ Fear of pregnancy ▪ Fear of disease 	<p>Excessive masturbation that interferes in social activities with peers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive attempts to observe others' nudity which violates other's privacy ▪ Excessive viewing of pornographic materials that interferes in social activities with peers ▪ Hyposexual-phobic of sexual behaviors, including kissing ▪ Hypersexual-indiscriminate sexual behavior with multiple partners ▪ Initiates sexual activities with young children ▪ Forces sexual involvement of peers or younger children with themselves
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