



# YOU CAN SAVE ME

## KNOW

67% of victims of child sexual abuse have been abused by a close relative. Children are groomed to believe they should never tell anyone.

During lockdown, the protective factors may be removed with children having less opportunities to disclose abuse. Children are also likely to spend more time online, increasing the chances for an abuser to access them.

## LOOK

- Guarded behaviour of a child around particular individuals
- Refusal by the child to engage with you entirely
- Lack of opportunity to engage with child due to parents interventions or excuses
- Signs of physical abuse
- Aggressive or threatening responses from adults to routine calls

## ACT

- Stay curious and look beyond the obvious
- Speak to the child away from adults
- Listen to the child and look to provide reassurance
- Any concerns, make a safeguarding referral through normal routes