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TIME WITH A
PLAYER ON AND OFF
THE FIELD.

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DO YOU TELL SOMEONE? When you notice something that doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. So listen to your gut and trust your instincts.



## WHY DRAW THE LINE

When we look away, we allow sexual violence to continue. 85% of sexually abused children and teens are abused by someone they know. The law protects children under 18 from sexual exploitation: any sexual contact between a child younger than 18 and a person of authority is legally considered sexual assault. If you suspect or are certain of an assault of a child under 16, you are required by law to report it to the Children's Aid Society.

## WHEN TO DRAW THE LINE

Private or closed practices, isolating a player from the rest of his or her teammates, or frequent phone calls and texts are all red flags for possible sexual violence.

## **HOW TO DRAW THE LINE**

There's always more than one option for a bystander. Take a stand safely and do something that you feel comfortable with. You could:

- Check in with the player: "Is everything ok?"
- Tell someone about it: a peer, parent, or another teammate might have the same suspicions.
- Go to the authorities: the team administration and/or the police, especially if the player is under 16 (it's the law).

## IT HAPPENED TO ME

Remember, it's never your fault. You're not alone. Tell someone you trust.

Help is available: draw-the-line.ca 🛑



Sexual violence is everyone's problem. Break the silence. Make it stop. Spread the word. Find out more at draw-the-line.ca





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