

Sex Offenders 101: A few slides on typologies & terminology

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Center for Sex Offender Management
& the Texas Council on Sex Offender
Treatment

Many Terms – Many Types



No Absolutes

Many sex offenders

- crossover to different victims
- can fall into multiple categories, and
- have multiple paraphilias

Rape - Child molesting - Bestiality - Frottage - Necrophilia - Voyeurism - Troilism - Exposing - Bondage - Obscene calls - Deviant masturbation

What Can We Say?

- Persons who abuse sexually come from all demographic groups and so vary widely:
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Income level & occupation
 - Race/ethnicity, religion
 - Criminal background, etc.

Behavior & Characteristics

Not all sex offenders exhibit all of the following characteristics, and the absence of a particular characteristic does not mean the individual is not a sex offender (English, 1996).

- Secrecy and dishonesty
- Cognitive distortions justify, rationalize, and minimize the impact of their behavior
- Manipulative and triangulate/split those around them
- Groom victims and others around them
- Generally personable and seek to "befriend" those around them
- Test boundaries
- Exploit relationships and social norms
- Seek professions that allow them access to victims
- Develop complicated and persistent psychological and social systems constructed to assist them in denying and minimizing the harm they inflict on others

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For More Information...

- Center for Sex Offender Management
www.csom.org
- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) - www.atsa.com
...and your state's ATSA chapter
