

## WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

Boundary Violations and  
Inappropriate Behavior



# PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## HOW TO INTERRUPT:

Boundary Violations and  
Inappropriate Behavior

### PHYSICAL



- Touching too much, long hugs, or kissing a child
- Tickling a child, wrestling, or horseplay
- Massaging or pulling onto lap

### EMOTIONAL



- Being possessive or controlling
- Treating a child like a boyfriend or girlfriend
- Being emotionally volatile with children

### BEHAVIORAL



- Seeking time alone with a child or private messaging
- Using crude or inappropriate language with a child
- Encouraging a child to break the rules or keep secrets

### BLOCK ACCESS



- Call your child to you; move in between the adult and your child; pick up your child; or ask the adult to give him or her to you.
- Follow and stay with your child; encourage situations where at least two adults are present.
- Pay attention to who is in your child's life; monitor social media and texting activity.

### POLITE CONFRONTATION



- Give an instruction to cease behavior with a matter-of-fact explanation of the inappropriate behavior; avoid saying "would you mind" or "could you".
- Don't apologize for having rules to keep your child safe.
- If the behavior repeats, take the time to get a commitment from the adult to cease the behavior.

### IMPOLITE CONFRONTATION



- Give a more direct instruction to cease the behavior using fewer words.
- Use the adult's name to get his or her attention; use a firm tone of voice and maintain eye contact.
- Get a commitment from the adult that he or she will not continue this behavior.