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**24 Hour Crisis/Information & Referral Line (253) 474-7273 or 1-800-756-7273**

## **Questions asked by Child Victims**

*How long do I have to report my childhood or adolescent assault or abuse to law enforcement?*

...You have up to the age of twenty-one (21) to report your assault or abuse, if it occurred at age 18 or younger.

*What is good touch and confusing touch?*

...Good touch is a handshake or a hug from a family member or friend. Good touch makes you feel happy and safe. Confusing touch is when someone touches you in the private areas of your body (bathing suit area), either over or under your clothing. Confusing touch makes you feel unsure, ashamed and/or scared. Even though you may like the person who is touching you and it may sometimes feel good, it hurts you; it is not good for you or them. Tell an adult right away when someone is touching you in a confusing way.

*Who can I tell when someone is touching me in a confusing way?*

...Tell a trusted adult immediately! If this person doesn't help in stopping the 'confusing touch', tell another adult, such as a teacher, counselor, school nurse, or police. Keep telling an adult until the 'confusing touch' stops. You can always call our crisis line at (253) 474-7273 or 1-800-756-7273.

*What do I do when I already told someone and nothing happened?*

...Keep telling an adult, until someone believes you and the abuse stops! Call the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County, 24-hour Crisis, Information and Referral line at (253) 474-7273 or 1-800-756-7273, for assistance and support.

*What do I do when no one believes me?*

...Call the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County, 24-hour Crisis, Information and Referral line. Advocates on the line will believe you and assist in getting the abuse to stop.