Who Would Give you bad Touches?

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This book is an important part of the abuse prevention series. When children imagine bad touches, they automatically associate the touch with something bad. They associate a bad touch, with a bad or evil person. One of the biggest obstacles in abuse prevention is to overcome that thinking, and teach children that bad touches or confusing touches can often come at the hands of someone they know and like.

In this book, we teach children, in humorous ways, exactly who that bad or confusing touch might come from. That it could be their teacher. Maybe a parent. Maybe a relative. Maybe a close friend of the family. But the one place it is unlikely to come from, is from wierd people or monsters. We also talk briefly about why someone close to them might give them a touch that feels bad or confusing. Towards the end, we go over, once again for repetition, how children should respond to a bad or confusing touch given to them. Enjoy!

We've learned what a bad touch is. We've learned what a confusing touch is.

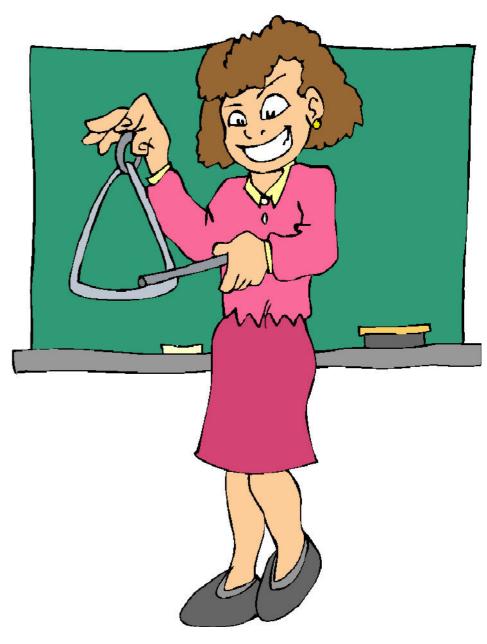




But do you know *who* would give you a bad or a confusing touch?



Will it be a mean, scary looking monster?



No, it wouldn't be a monster.

It might be your teacher

at your school.

Who will give you bad touches?
Who will give you confusing touches?
Will it be a trash can?

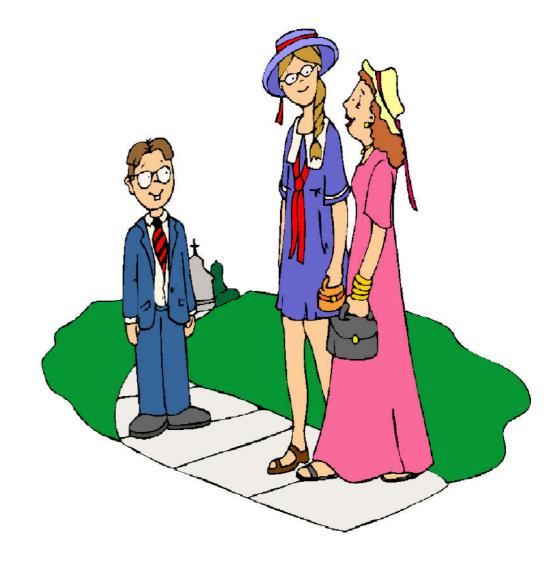




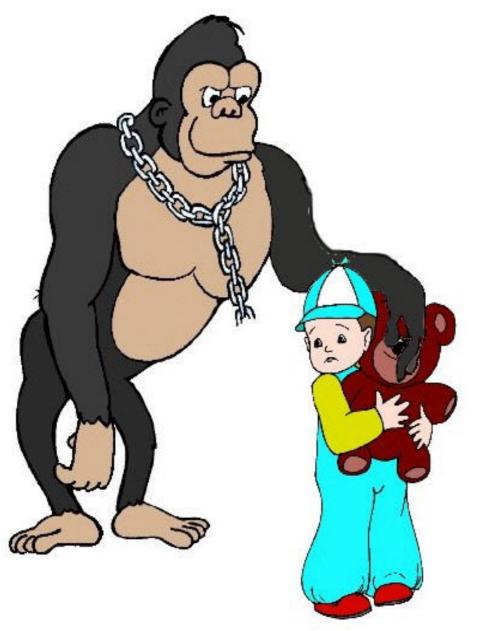
No, it wouldn't be a trash can. It might be your Uncle. It might be your Aunt. It might be one of your other relatives.



Who will give you bad touches?
Who will give you confusing
touches?
Will it be a weird looking alien?



No, probably not. It might be someone that you know from your church. Maybe someone who goes there, or someone who works there. Maybe even a preacher, or a counselor.



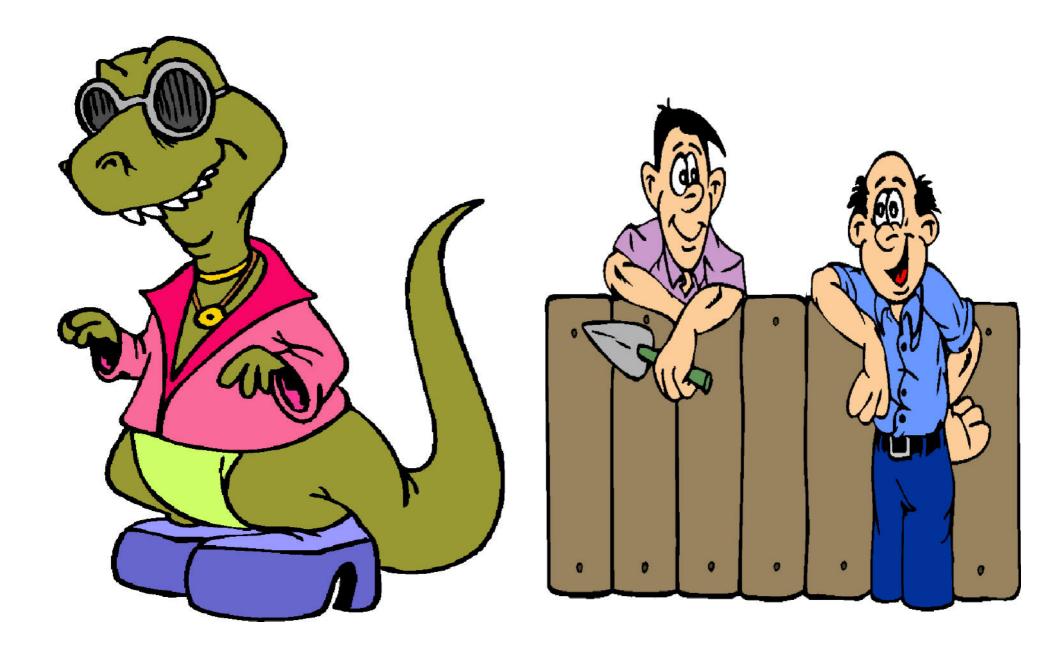
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Who will give you confusing touches?
Will it be a gorilla who escaped

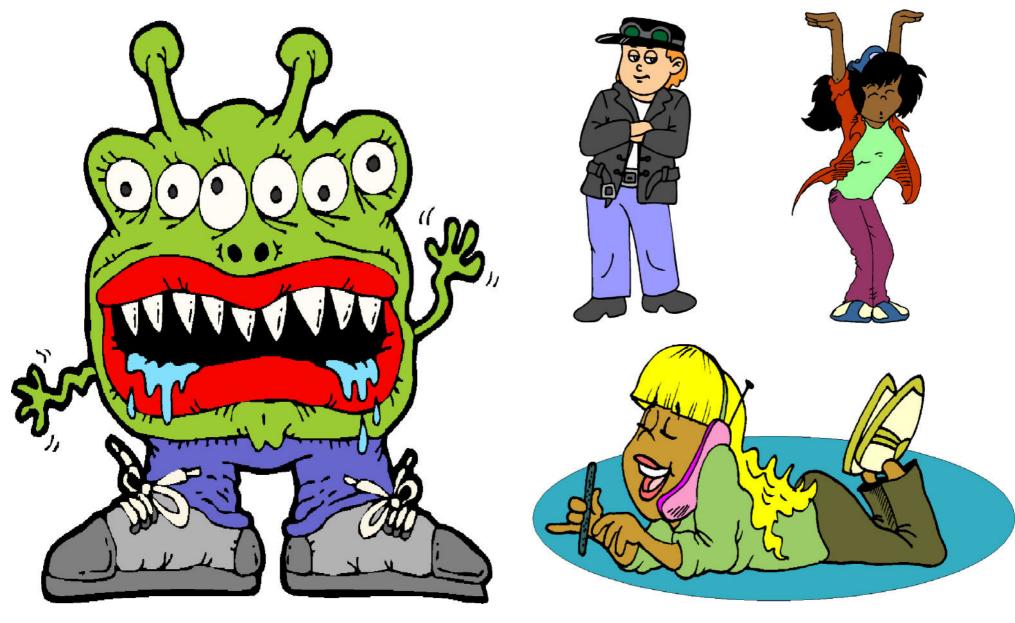


No, it wouldn't be a gorilla who escaped from the zoo. It might be your parents. (I suppose they might be *half* gorilla. After all, they sometimes think you are a monkey.)

Who will give you bad touches?
Who will give you confusing touches?
Will it be a dinosaur?

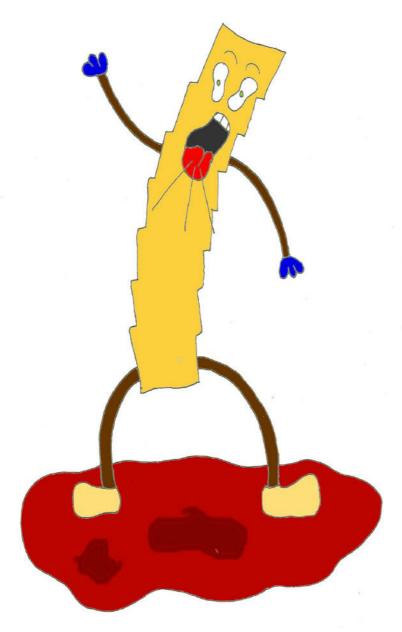
No, it wouldn't be a dinosaur. It might be one of your neighbors.

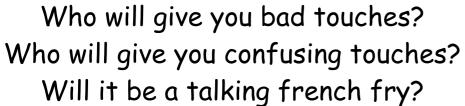




Who will give you bad touches?
Who will give you confusing touches?
Will it be a six-eyed slotherburger?

No, it wouldn't be a six-eyed slotherburger. It might be a babysitter. Or it might be an older kid that you know.





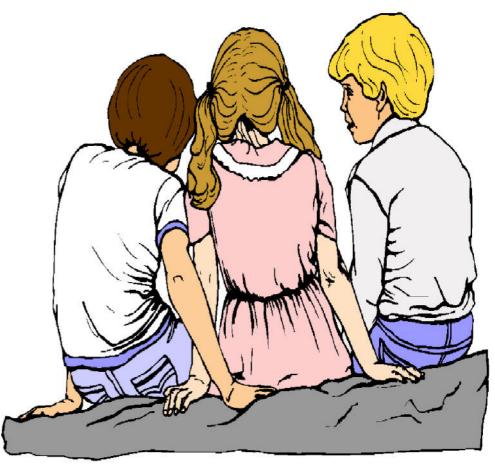


No, it wouldn't be a talking french fry. It might be someone from your day care or summer camp.

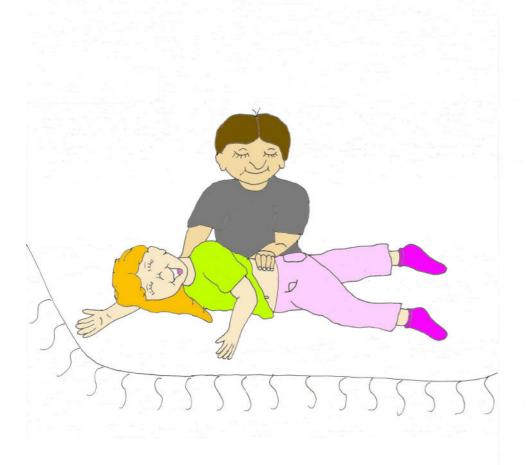
Who will give you bad touches? Who will give you confusing touches? Will it be a mean, ugly, scary person?

No, it will probably be someone you are good friends with, and someone whom you like.

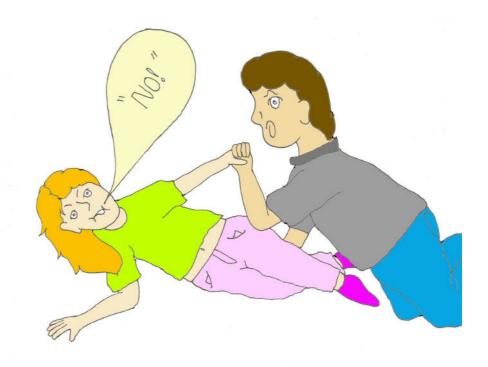








Most often times, when someone gives you a bad touch or a confusing touch, it is because they don't know they are doing it. You see, different people like different touches. You might be wrestling or playing with somebody else. You might be having lot's of fun at first. But after a while, it may get



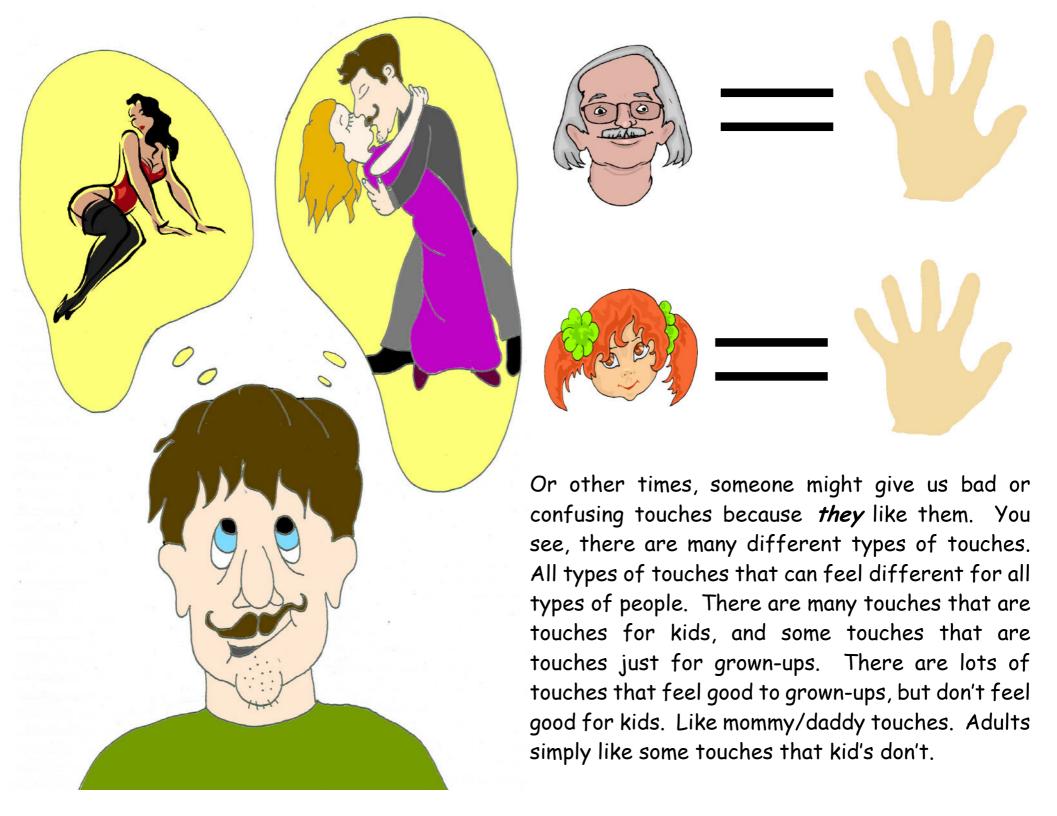
to be too much for you. The other person might play too hard, and you might start to feel uncomfortable, even though you were having fun at first. That other person probably still thinks you are having fun.



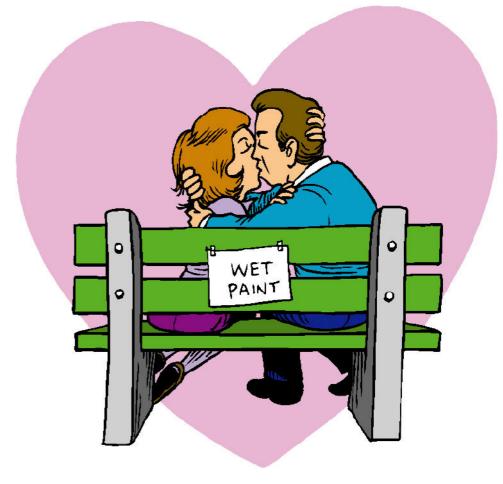
Or maybe you have someone that likes to give lots, and lots, and lots of hugs or kisses. Many grown-ups like hugs and kisses. Kids like them too, but sometimes not as much as grown-ups. Sometimes kids will give grown-ups a hug or a kiss, even if they don't want to, to be polite and not to hurt that persons feelings. It's good to be polite and give people touches that make them feel good.



But if someone wants just way to many, or kisses that are just way too sloppy, you can tell the person that you don't like that many touches. They probably don't know, and they don't mean to give you touches that you don't like.







Kind of like how grown up kisses feel good for grown ups, but kids don't usually like big, sloppy, ooey, gooey kisses that way, just kid kisses.

Kind of like how grown-ups can sometimes give personal touches with someone they love. But kids are not ready for those types of touches yet.

Kids are still growing. They are still young. They are not ready for all types of touches yet. They are only ready for kids touches, but not grown-up touches.





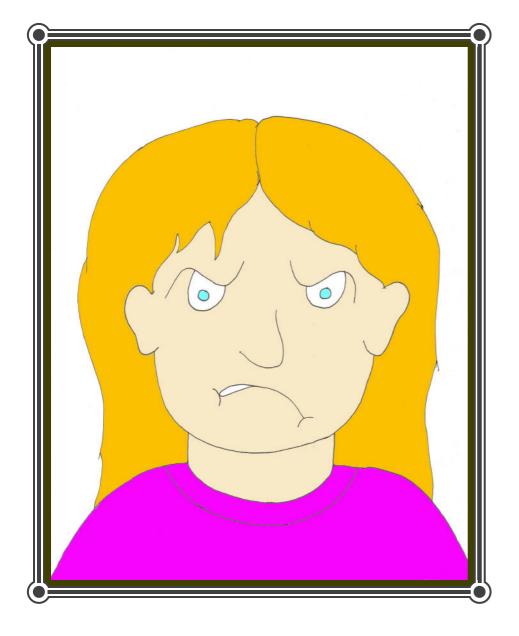
Sometimes, grown-ups get confused, and they like to touch kids in ways that are really only for grown-ups. They forget that giving kids certain touches can make them feel bad. They forget that it isn't good for them. That it can hurt them because they are too young for a certain type of touch. They just know they like these touches, and forget that kids don't like these touches.



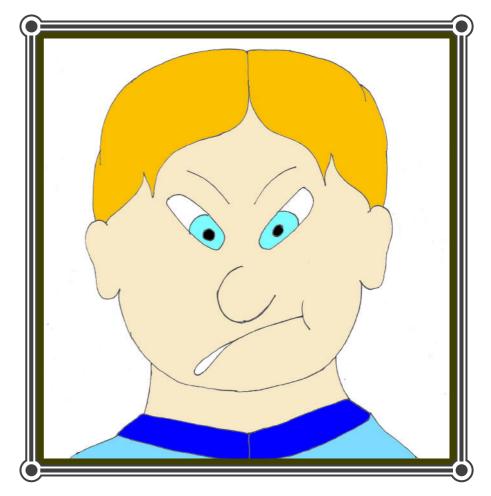
So if someone gives us bad or confusing touches, how do we tell them? First we tell them politely. We don't want to be rude, because most of the time, someone is giving us these touches on accident. They don't



know how it is making us feel. Most times they will listen to our polite words when we tell someone we do not like something. So let me ask you, do you know a polite way to tell someone you do not like what they are doing?



If they don't listen to our polite words, then we tell them in a firm voice. We tell them with a firm look on our face. We say it loud and angry if we have to.



Sometimes someone may think you are joking when you tell them. Like if someone is tickling you, and you ask them to stop, they may think you are joking because you were laughing at first. When we tell them with our serious face, then they know for sure. Can you try telling someone that with your serious face?



If that does not work, then we start to cry. We cry, and we look them straight in the eye. We keep crying, and keep looking them in the eye, and keep asking them not to do that until they stop. Can you practice this?





So who would give you bad touches? Who would give you confusing touches? Your teachers, your friends, your relatives, and other adults you know. But probably not trash cans or monsters. Because touches, even bad or confusing touches, usually happen with people we know and love.

Because they don't know.

Because they forgot.

Because they get confused.

Because they like different touches.



But that's OK, all we do is speak up and tell them!

THE END!



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