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Terry Hall is a twenty-eight year veteran of the Indianapolis Police Department who has worked the administrative, operations, and investigative areas of law enforcement during his career. Sergeant Hall spent seven years in the IPD Sex Offense Branch and was the former director of the “Good Touch – Bad Touch” program for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Sergeant Hall has attended the FBI Academy and is a certified instructor for the State of Indiana. He was named IPD Officer of the Year and was chosen IPD Investigative Officer of the Year. In the ten years Sergeant Hall has been involved in Child Abuse Investigations, he has trained over 10,000 prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement officers at the local, state, and federal level. He has been involved with training for universities, law enforcement academies, national judicial conferences, departmental in-service trainings, and was chosen to instruct Department of Health and Human Services employees. Sergeant Hall has appeared as an expert analyst on many television talk shows and his work has been chronicled in many law enforcement related publications.

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STUDENT PRESENTATION

**September 23, 2015 at 9:00
am**

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT
YOUR CHILD TO
ATTEND THIS
PRESENTATION
PLEASE CONTACT THE
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CHILD MOLEST
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**For Parents that have question
on the Body Safety Program:**

**Attend the Parent Information
Night at the school on**

September 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM

**John Simatovich Elementary
library**



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Child Molest Prevention Program

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During the Body Safety presentation, children repeat that their body parts belong to them and, even though they are kids, they have the right to say “NO” to a touch to the private parts for no good reason.

The Body Safety program is **not** designed to instill fear into the children, but to **empower** them to protect themselves and to tell when there has been a molest. We do not want children worrying about whom to watch out for, but to just watch their own bodies.

The program, at all age levels, **tastefully** teaches the proper names of the private parts. The purpose is to circumvent the major reason that children do not tell when they are molested - **embarrassment**. As adults, when we give children “game names” for their private parts, we might be sending a message that we do not want to talk about the private parts even when there is a perfectly good reason. Often times a molester has used a game to molest a child and in the process of doing so, uses various and at times bizarre names for the private parts. There have been occasions when a child has told and was not understood because the adult was not in tune with the terms the child was using. The usage of proper body part names sets this program apart from other safety programs. Both parents and staff are now realizing the importance of a clear message. For some children a friendly hug received at school may be the only hug they get and this should not be discouraged. Properly naming the body parts helps to limit the chance for confusion.

Second through fifth grade students are given a more in-depth presentation of the principles of the Body Safety program coupled with a higher degree of question and answers about molestation. Key issues of embarrassment, guilt, fear, and shame are most strongly approached. Some of the common myths of child molestation, such as the ratio of boy victims to girl victims, are explained. Older children often will tell someone other than their parents if they are molested. The program stresses that if they cannot bring themselves to tell their parents, they need to find someone that can help and tell them. What to do if your best friend confides in you about a molest is also explained. A best friend does not sit back and watch someone they care about go through something so terrible alone.

It is important to re-emphasize that this is a program to empower children and not to frighten them. The program’s track record demonstrates the success of its methods, but it is not a miracle cure for child molest. Parents and teachers must role-play with the students to refresh and remind them of the principles of the program. **The program cannot and will not work by itself.** No one can watch over our children every moment of every day and that is the primary reason for the development of the “BODY SAFETY” Program. Ignoring the problem of child molestation will not stop molestation from occurring. Many molesters have made the statement, “If parents don’t want to tell their children about molest, we’ll be glad to explain it to them.”

Children are our nation’s greatest resource; let us all strive to protect them.