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Unnecessarily touches children.

Breaks and argues that the rules do not apply to him or her.

Gives gifts without the parent's or caretaker's permission.

Talks to children in a child-like manner or does things adults would consider child-like or juvenile.

Entices a child to keep secrets. Takes photographs or keeps mementos of other people's children.

Becomes angry when confronted about his or her interaction with children.

Talks about sex, tells sexual jokes, or discusses sex with a child.

Introduces or shows pornography to a child.

Provides a child with drugs or alcohol.

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