

Erin's Law: Personal Body Safety

River Trails District 26

Overview



- Why is my child being taught this?
- What concepts will be covered?
- What would I do if I have a concern about my child?
- Resources for parent/guardians



Why?

Erin's Law

□ Erin's Law, or Illinois Public Act 097-1147, requires public schools to provide child sexual abuse prevention education for children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades.

All River Trails School District 26 students will take part in age appropriate lessons facilitated by school personnel, school social workers or school psychologists.



Concepts taught

- > Safe and Unsafe Touches
 - examples (high fives, hugs, hitting, pushing, etc)
 - important not to say 'good' and 'bad' touches but safe and unsafe
- Private body parts defined
 - anything bathing suit covers
- Touching Rule "Nobody should touch my private body parts except to keep me clean or healthy."
 - > Safety Steps, What to do if someone breaks the Touching Rule.
 - No! Go! Tell



Concepts Taught Continued

- > Secrets
 - 2 types: Safe and Unsafe Secrets
- Check First Rule
 - Always check first with a trusted adult before going anywhere with someone.



What can I do if I have a concern about my child?

- > Speak to your child's pediatrician.
- Contact your school administrator, school social worker or school psychologist.



Resources for Parents/Guardians

- > Stop It Now!
 - Behaviors to Watch for When Adults Are With Children
 - Age Appropriate Sexual Behavior (ages 0-16)
 - Warning Signs in Children and Adolescents of Possible Child Sexual Abuse
 - Talking to Children and Teens
- Erin's Law.org



Local Resources

- Children's Advocacy Center
- > Northwest CASA



What happens if my child reports an unsafe situation to school personnel?

All school personnel are mandated reporters and will report all suspected unsafe situations to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

