

Normal

Developmentally expected

Socially acceptable

Consensual, mutual, reciprocal

Shared decision-making

Inappropriate

Single instances of inappropriate sexual behaviour

Socially acceptable behaviour within peer group

Context for behaviour may be inappropriate

Generally consensual and reciprocal

Problematic

Problematic and concerning behaviours

Developmentally unusual and socially unexpected

No overt elements of victimisation

Consent issues may be unclear

May lack reciprocity or equal power

May include levels of compulsivity

Abusive

Victimising intent or outcome

Includes misuse of power

Coercion and force to ensure victim compliance

Intrusive

Informed consent lacking or not able to be freely given by victim

May include elements of expressive violence

Violent

Physically violent sexual abuse

Highly intrusive

Instrumental violence which is physiologically and/or sexually arousing to the perpetrator

Sadism