Education and Awareness

Our definition:

State laws intended to protect school children by educating them and/or the adults in their lives about the risks of sexual abuse and misconduct.

What are these laws?

States and territories can provide training in schools that focus on the signs, symptoms, and reporting procedures to address child sexual abuse. The policies vary in whether they require training and who receives training.

Here's what we found:

Some states and territories:

- Require training.
- Suggest that training occur.
- Do not provide guidance on training.

They also specify *who* needs to receive the training. This includes:

- Adults like teachers, school personnel (e.g., custodial, administrative, and support staff), parents, coaches, and volunteers.
- Children at different grade-levels, from Pre-K to 12th grade.

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