

## Upper High School (Adolescence) 15–17 years

Developmentally Appropriate	Developmentally Inappropriate	Concerning	Very Concerning	Serious/ Extreme
<p>In this stage, young people’s sexual curiosity continues to increase as they begin to experiment even more with themselves and others. As they become more confident in their sexuality and interests, they may begin to explore more diverse sexual experiences and erotic material and behaviour.</p> <p>Engaging in sexual activity with both male and female partners.</p> <p>Privacy continues to be important, and they will continue to masturbate in private for sexual gratification.</p> <p>They continue to engage in the online world and may seek to explore sexual interest via accessing a variety of pornographic content; some may also use this content during masturbation for sexual arousal.</p> <p>They will continue to explore intimate relationships with peers of either sex and may have brief or ongoing sexual encounters that include oral, anal, and vaginal sex. Relationships will generally be with same age (or relatively) peers, consensual and reciprocal in nature.</p> <p>Sexual experiences are reciprocal in nature, such as mutual masturbation and oral sexual gratification of their partners becomes important.</p> <p>Sending and receiving sexually explicit texts and photos is relatively typical at this age.</p>	<p>Preoccupation with sexual behaviour and seeking intimate partners.</p> <p>Multiple sexual partners, frequently changing sexual partners, or engaging sexual partners that are substantially different in age.</p> <p>Engaging in sexual behaviour with others that includes more than one other person at a time (e.g., group sex).</p> <p>Seeking out pornographic material that is explicit and includes themes of violence and group sex.</p> <p>Communication with peers that is explicit, unwanted, or harassing, regardless of communication type used (e.g., using photos, text, or verbal communication).</p> <p>Lack of understanding of privacy and frequent exposure of self in public places (e.g., flashing genitals).</p>	<p>Compulsive masturbation that interferes with daily activities, is self-injurious, or occurs in public.</p> <p>Accessing pornographic material that is explicit, sexually aggressive and/or illegal, such as showing animals or children.</p> <p>Repeated exposure of genitals, bottoms and breasts in a public place with peers (e.g., flashing).</p> <p>Taking and sharing photos of themselves in sexually explicit poses unclothed and/or exposing genitals.</p>	<p>Lying about their age for the purpose of engaging significantly older individuals in sexual activity.</p> <p>Regularly masturbating to sexually explicit and deviant pornographic material (e.g., containing animals, violence, children, and so on).</p> <p>Engaging children or others who are developmental younger or vulnerable in sexual activity.</p> <p>Having unprotected vaginal or anal sex or engaging in sexual behaviour while intoxicated.</p> <p>Taking and/or sharing sexually explicit photos of others without their consent.</p>	<p>Compulsive masturbation that interferes with daily activities, cannot be contained to private places, and causes physical and emotional harm. This may include self-injurious behaviours and the compulsion to masturbate in public.</p> <p>Preoccupation with and regularly accessing pornographic material (may be while masturbating) that is explicit, sexually aggressive and/or illegal.</p> <p>Forcing or coercing others into sexual activity regardless of their age or developmental vulnerabilities. This may include the use of bribery, manipulation, blackmail, and so on.</p> <p>Exchanging in sexual behaviour or acts for tangible or non-tangible things (e.g., drugs, food, alcohol, money, social inclusion, and so on).</p> <p>Taking and sharing sexually explicit photos of others without permission and/or using coercion to gain such photos from others.</p>