



Crisis planning for child sexual abuse prevention.

We often develop strategies that help to prevent child sexual abuse under our existing circumstances. But what happens if those circumstances change?

We need to be prepared to continue protecting kids to the best of our ability under any circumstance.

The purpose of this document is to help you start planning for existing or potential changes to your normal life and routine. This type of change can be described as a new situation, something that you must adapt to in the face of external forces, or crises, that impact how you normally live your life.

Your initial crisis plan can and should be simple. This is just to get you thinking about how your life may be impacted in times of change, and how you can prepare yourself to adjust your prevention strategies when those changes occur.

STEP 1: List three (3) strategies you have previously used, or continue to use, to protect children.

These will likely be strategies you've used under familiar or "normal" circumstances.

STRATEGY 1:

STRATEGY 2:

STRATEGY 3:

STEP 2: List three (3) possible scenarios that could result in a new situation for your life, potentially changing how you enact prevention strategies to help keep children safe from child sexual abuse.

You might already be experiencing this due to a current crisis, or this might be a list of anticipated changes, such as a change in job status or living situation.

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STEP 3: List three (3) strategies you could use to help continue to protect children from child sexual abuse under the new situation you listed in Step 2.

Think back to Step 1, and consider whether or not you're able to use or adapt those strategies, or if you'll need new strategies for these new circumstances you're currently experiencing, or anticipate could happen.

STRATEGY 1:

STRATEGY 2:

STRATEGY 3:

WHAT'S NEXT?

The ultimate purpose of your plan is to help you think critically about adapting to new situations. You should consider revisiting your plan regularly and practicing these exercises to see if you anticipate different crisis scenarios, or if your existing strategies no longer apply to a crisis you suddenly find yourself in. Learn more at www.D2L.org.