

# Readers voice their concerns about behavior

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a woman, "Uneasy About My Daughter," who was concerned that her husband might be acting inappropriately with her 11-year-old daughter. She went on to describe her husband sitting on the toilet and eating his dinner every night while the girl took her bath, and also stroking the girl's backside to lull her to sleep at bedtime.

You advised "Uneasy" that her



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• dear abby

husband's behavior was inappropriate and urged her to discuss the situation with the girl's pediatrician. You said the husband might back off if he heard from the doctor that what he was doing was wrong — and that the doctor should report the man if he refused to stop.

Abby, I think you threw gas on the fire without knowing more about that mother's concerns. Why is the husband eating his dinner while the

daughter takes her bath? Does he get home late, after the rest of the family has eaten? How developed is the girl? My 11-year-old girl looks like she's 8! Is the father really rubbing the girl's bottom — or her back? A back rub isn't inappropriate.

Eleven is a weird age. The girls aren't women, but they aren't small children either. My 11-year-old thinks nothing of jumping into the tub when I'm bathing my 3-year-old. She also does it when my husband is bathing our son.

If "Uneasy" feels the way she does, why doesn't she have her daughter take her bath earlier? — TRUSTS MY HUSBAND IN TUCSON

DEAR TRUSTS: That's a good

question. However, she wrote to me because she has a sixth sense that's telling her something is wrong. And she should listen to that sixth sense and act on it. After I printed that letter, the volume of mail I received from survivors of child sexual abuse curled my hair. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: As a child, I was sexually abused by my father, a "pinnacle of the community." I still bear the emotional scars. What "Uneasy's" husband is doing is called "confusing touch" and is very likely a precursor to outright abuse. By confusing the daughter into thinking his behavior is OK, the father opens the door for behavior that isn't. "Uneasy" must get help for her daughter so the

girl can learn how to set boundaries and define appropriate touch.

Parents have a responsibility to their children to protect them from sexual abuse by family members, friends or others. — BEEN THERE IN PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR BEEN THERE: I was taken aback by the number of first-person testimonials I received describing similar experiences.

DEAR ABBY: I am a detective specializing in crimes against children in a central Florida sheriff's department. If the father acts this way when he is being observed, I can only imagine what goes on when the mother isn't present. The fact that the mother referred to the man as "my husband," not as the girl's father,

raises more red flags.

Had this been reported to me in my jurisdiction, I believe I would have probable cause for an arrest on charges of lewd and lascivious molestation.

"Uneasy" should contact local law enforcement and child welfare agencies and report her husband. If she doesn't, she could be charged with failure to protect her child. — FLORIDA DETECTIVE

DEAR DETECTIVE: Several other members of law enforcement around the country offered similar sentiments. However, pediatricians are mandated to report child abuse if there is evidence — and that is why I recommended the mother first talk to her child's physician.

TUESDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										OCT. 5, 2004			
E	S	6 pm		6:30	7 pm		7:30	8 pm		8:30	9 pm		9:30	10 pm		10:30							
36	53	A&E	Biography "The Boston Strangler" [E]			Cold Case Files (N) [E]		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Biography "The Boston Strangler" [E]										
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez (N) [E]	Vice Presidential Debate		(Live)				News [E]	(:35) Nightline [E]	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Jamie Cullum. (N)										
26	48	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master			In Search of the King Cobra [E]		Animal Cops Houston Loose dogs. (N)			Austin Stevens: Snake-master	In Search of the King Cobra [E]											
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]				The West Wing [E] (Part 2 of 2)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]											
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Good Wives Club" (N) [E]			Vice Presidential Debate (Live)				News [E]		(:35) Late Show Annette Bening; Bill O'Reilly. (N)	The Late Late Show										
24	50	DISC	We Built This City "London" [E]	We Built This City "Paris" [E]		We Built This City "New York" [E]		Addicted to Plastic Surgery (N)				To Be Announced											
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	That's So Raven [E]	"Phantom of the Megaplex" (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley, Jacob Smith. [E]														
49	81	E!TV	Murder & the Media Machine: Hollywood Story Series-Poker				JonBenet Ramsey		Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Saturday Night Live [E]												
22	56	ESPN	WNBA Basketball: Conf. Final -- Teams TBA				WNBA Basketball: Conf. Final -- Teams TBA		SportsCenter (Live) [E]	Dream Job (Live) [E]													
54	57	ESPN2	WNBA Basketball: Conf. Final -- Teams TBA				WNBA Basketball: Conf. Final -- Teams TBA		The 700 Club [E]	Baseball		NFL Live											
32	46	FAM	★ ★ "Beautiful Girl" (2003) Fran Drescher [E]				Whoose? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Fam. Mat.		Fam. Mat.										
59	-	FIT TV	Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists	Extremists	Peak Performance [E]		Buff Brides: Challenge		Extremists	Extremists											
35	31	FMC	(:01) Altman: On His Own Terms				(:32) ★ ★ ★ "For the Boys" (1991) Bette Midler, James Caan.				(:01) "The Rose" (1979)												
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Our Family Melting Pot" (N)		Roker on the Road	Recipe for Success	Party Starters Casino theme; Greek festival.		Iron Chef "Angler" Angler battle.		Emeril Live "Our Family Melting Pot"												
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball Division Series -- Teams TBA. (Live) [E]						The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Kojak												
40	38	FX	The Edge		Fear Factor	King of Hill		King of Hill	★ ★ ★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black.														
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt.	Sports List	Rockies		To Be Announced															
5	14	HBO	★ ★ ★ "In & Out" (1997, Comedy) Kevin Kline. [E] PG-13 [E]				Shark Tale: First Look		★ ★ "National Security" (2003) Martin Lawrence. [E] PG-13 [E]		★ ★ "American Wedding" (2003, Comedy) Jason Biggs. [E] R [E]												
62	67	HGTV	Designed	Designer	Decorating	Design	Designers' Designers'		House	Crafters	Designed	Designer											
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech Prospecting for gold. [E]		Tech Effect (N) [E]	Mail Call (N) [E]	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 8" (N)		Infamous Murders	Infamous Murders	Wild West Tech Prospecting for gold. [E]												
25	35	IND	Friends [E]	Friends [E]	Sex and the City [E]	Sex and the City [E]	★ ★ ★ "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (1999, Comedy) Mike Myers. (DVS)				★ ★ ★ "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982)												
18	63	LIFE	"Volcano: Fire" (N) [E]		"Earthquake in New York" (1998) Greg Evigan.				The Nanny Golden	Golden	The Nanny Golden	Golden											
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) [E]		Challenge	Bad Trip	Veronica Mars [E]		Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World											
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. Tonight	Vice Presidential Debate (Live)				Last Comic Standing (N) [E]		News [E]		The Tonight Show										
8	8	NBC	Last Comic Standing (N) [E]		Vice Presidential Debate (Live)				News [E]		(:35) The Tonight Show (N) [E]		(:37) Late Night (N)										
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	School	Fatherhood	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.											
2	2	PBS	Nova "The Perfect Pearl" [E] (DVS)		Vice Presidential Debate (Live)				BBC World News	That's My Boy [E]	Charlie Rose (N) [E]												
38	83	SCIFI	Andromeda [E]		Andromeda [E]		Andromeda [E]		★ ★ ★ "The Night Flier" (1997) Miguel Ferrer.														
61	41	SPK	MXC [E]	MXC [E]	Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	★ ★ "Bloodsport" [E]													
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep A couple is rescued. [E]		In a Fix Newlyweds are overbudget. [E]		Mega Machines Liquefied limestone. (N)		Overhaulin' Customizing a 1963 Ford Falcon.												
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Bad Girl"		Law & Order [E] (DVS)		Charmed [E]		Law & Order [E] (DVS)		The X-Files [E]												
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy [E]		Made	Made	Wonders West		Food Crazy [E]		Made	Made											
21	82	TVLND	Munsters	GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers [E]	Cheers [E]											
60	89	UNIV	Rubi	Amarte es Mi Pecado	Casos de la Vida Real		Impacto		Noticiero		En las Mejores Familias												
20	34	USA	Law/Ord SVU		★ ★ ★ "Primal Fear" (1996, Suspense) Richard Gere, Laura Linney. [E]						Law/Ord SVU												
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond	Gilmore Girls "Written in the Stars" (N) [E]		One Tree Hill "Near Wild Heaven" (N) [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]	Will & Grace [E]											

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E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files 1988 murder of actress Myra Davis. [E]				The First 48 Partially torched body. [E]		Crossing Jordan "All the News Fit to Print" [E]		Cold Case Files [E]	
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover (N) [E]		life as we know it "Pilot" (Series Premiere) (N)		PrimeTime Live [E]		News [E] (:35) Nightline [E]		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Benjy Greenberg. [E]	
26	48	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		Animal Cops Houston Dangerous dog-owner. [E]		The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]	
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		Celebrity Poker Showdown for charity. [E]		Celebrities compete		The West Wing "In This White House" [E]		Celebrity Poker Showdown [E]	
7	11	CBS	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N) [E]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (DVS)		Without a Trace "Thou Shalt Not" (N) [E]		News [E] (:35) Late Show Trump; Minnie Driver. [E]		The Late Late Show [E]	
24	50	DISC	Mob Scene "The Ghost of Sonny Black" [E]		Mob Scene "The Psychology of the Flip" [E]		Mob Scene Marilyn Monroe's death. [E]		Sucking Amps The electric car. [E]		Black Sky: The Race for Space (N)	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Sister, Sister "I Do?" [E]	That's So Raven [E]	"Halloweentown II: Kalabar's Revenge" (2001) Debbie Reynolds. [E]		(:35) That's So Raven [E]	
49	81	E!TV	Britney Spears Singer Britney Spears.				The Soup		Howard S. [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]	
22	56	ESPN	(5:30) College Football Clemson at Virginia. (Live) [E]				SportsCenter (Live) [E]				Burning Outside	
54	57	ESPN2	College Football Houston at Southern Mississippi.				Swimming World Championships.				Baseball NFL Live	
32	46	FAM	★ ★ ★ "Beethoven's 2nd" (1993, Comedy) [E]				Whoose? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Fam. Mat. Fam. Mat.	
59	-	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls [E]		Extremists	Extremists	Secret World-Dancing		FitTV's Housecalls [E]		Extremists Extremists	
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★ ★ ★ "This Is My Life" (1992) [E]		(:32) ★ ★ ★ ★ "All About Eve" (1950, Drama) Bette Davis.					"Hush Hush-Charlotte" [E]		
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Recipes inspired by children.		Rachael Ray's Block Party		Good Eats The Secret Life Of...		Iron Chef Chen faces Takeshi Okubo.		Emeril Live Recipes inspired by children.	
13	7	FOX	MLB Baseball Division Series -- Teams TBA. (Live) [E]						The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Kojak	
40	38	FX	(4:00) "Armageddon" [E]		Fear Factor [E]		King of Hill [E]		King of Hill [E]		King of Hill [E]	
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N) [E] Rockies		Insider [E]		NASCAR [E]		Best Damn Sports Show Period [E]		Sports List [E]	
5	14	HBO	(5:45) ★ ★ ★ "A League of Their Own" (1992, Comedy) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks. [E] PG [E]				Real Sports [E]		Inside the NFL [E]		★ ★ ★ "Live From Baghdad" (2002) [E]	
62	67	HGTV	Weekend [E] Landscap		Design [E]		Designers' [E]		House [E] House [E]		House [E] Design [E]	
58	52	HIST	D-Day: The Lost Evidence Pilots create an unprecedented record. [E]				Modern Marvels "D-Day Tech" [E]		Sex in World War II "The European Front" [E]		D-Day: The Lost Evidence [E]	
25	35	IND	Friends [E] Friends [E]		★ ★ "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. [E]				(8:55) ★ ★ "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998) Will Ferrell. [E]		(:40) The Mansion [E]	
18	63	LIFE	"My Father's Shadow" [E]		★ ★ ★ "A Father's Choice" (2000) Peter Strauss. [E]				The Nanny [E] Golden [E]		The Nanny [E] Golden [E]	
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]		Video [E]		MTV Spec [E]		True Life [E]		True Life [E]	
3	9	NBC	News [E] Ent. Tonight [E]		Joey (N) [E] Will & Grace (N) [E]		The Apprentice (N) [E]		(8:59) ER "Damaged" (N) [E]		News [E] The Tonight Show [E]	
8	8	NBC	Joey (N) [E] Will & Grace (N) [E]		The Apprentice (N) [E]		(7:59) ER "Damaged" (N) [E]		News [E] (:35) The Tonight Show (N) [E]		(:37) Late Night [E]	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [E] Sabrina [E]		Full House [E] Full House [E]		Fresh Pr. [E] Cosby [E]		Roseanne [E] Roseanne [E]		Fresh Pr. [E] Fresh Pr. [E]	
7	2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys [E] Kansas Spotlight [E]		The New This Old House Hour (N) [E]		Wide Angle "The Saudi Question" (N) [E]		BBC World News [E]		Keeping Up [E] Charlie Rose (N) [E]	
38	83	SCIFI	"Day of the Dead" [E]		★ ★ "Village of the Damned" (1995, Horror) [E]				★ ★ "Retroactive" (1997) [E]		James Belushi. [E]	
61	41	SPK	MXC [E] MXC [E]		Wildest Police Videos [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]		MXC (N) [E] MXC [E]	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep [E]		In a Fix "Music Fusion" [E]		Overhaulin' "Parts Guy" [E]		U.S. Marshals: The Real Story "Manhunters" [E]	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Stalker" [E]		★ ★ ★ "Murder at 1600" [E]		(1997) Wesley Snipes. [E]		★ ★ ★ "Murder at 1600" (1997) Wesley Snipes. [E]		Luxurious Log Homes [E]	
51	86	TRAV	Super Yachts [E]		Luxurious Log Homes [E]		More Billionaire Toys [E]		Super Yachts [E]		Luxurious Log Homes [E]	
21	82	TVLND	Munsters [E] GreenAcre [E]		Griffith [E] Leave [E]		Sanford [E] All-Family [E]		3's Co. [E] 3's Co. [E]		Cheers [E] Cheers [E]	
60	89	UNIV	Rubi [E]		Amarte es Mi pecado [E]		Aqui y Ahora [E]		Impacto [E] Noticiero [E]		En las Mejores Familias [E]	
20	34	USA	Law/Ord SVU [E]		★ ★ ★ "Patriot Games" [E]		(1992, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer. [E]		★ ★ ★ "Backdraft" [E]			
12	3	WB	Friends [E] Everybody-Raymond [E]		Blue Collar TV "Music" [E]		Green Screen [E]		One Tree Hill "Near Wild Heaven" (N) [E]		News [E] Friends [E] Will & Grace [E]	
99	36	WGN	★ ★ "Death Wish 4: The Crackdown" (1987) [E]				WGN News at Nine [E]		Becker [E] Becker [E]		Home Delivery [E]	