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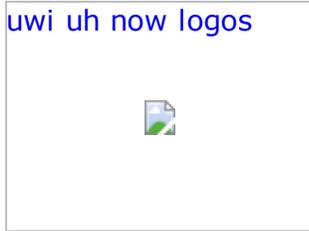
Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

Now! NEWS

May 2012

## Survivor follows heart in 10,000 mi. ride

The [Journey From Silence](#) is Tom Burick's commitment to ride 10,000 miles through the United States, Canada and Mexico on a 50cc scooter. His goal is to raise awareness - and \$20,000 - for three charities that fight child sexual abuse. We are honored that Tom selected Stop It Now! as one of those charities.



Visit [Journey From Silence](#) to donate.



*"As it turns out, all three organizations have the symbol of a heart in their logo. That was totally unplanned on my part. It inspired me to plan my route in the shape of a 10,000 mile long heart."*

### Take Action!

- Check out the [route map](#) - then contact and support Tom if he comes through your town!
- Donate at [Journey from Silence](#)
- Like and post on Tom's [Facebook page](#)
- [Donate](#) to Stop It Now! dedicated to Journey from Silence

## FAQs about sexual safety in youth sports

Even before we began responding to the [Penn State-Sandusky case](#) last fall, national athletic bodies and local sports leagues alike have been forced to confront the risks and realities of child sexual abuse. No venue is immune and there is no substitute for being proactive about prevention.

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Recently the [National Alliance for Youth Sports](#) (NAYS) contacted us to provide advice to parents as part of the Spring 2012 issue of [Sporting Kid](#) magazine. Program Director Yvonne Cournoyer responded to their interview request by sharing advice for parents on recognizing inappropriate behaviors and talking with their children. Our advice for parents on keeping children safe from sexual abuse in a sports setting appears in "[Broken Trust, Shattered Lives](#)", the issue cover story.

### Take Action!

- Read the article, "[Broken Trust, Shattered Lives](#)" ([PDF](#))
- Read our [FAQs about Sexual Safety in Sports](#)
- Get started on [Safety Planning for Summer](#)

### Ask Now! - son & daughter kissing?

**Q:** My 13 year old son kissed my 4 1/2 year old daughter on the mouth to practice, because his girlfriend wants to have their first kiss. Should I be concerned?



**A:** If this was a one-time practice for a first time kiss with his same-age girlfriend, it does not seem to be something that is

very concerning, although certainly still offers an opportunity for some healthy sexual development and healthy boundary education with your son. Knowing him as well as you obviously do, does his explanation make sense to you and seem plausible? [Read more...](#)

### Take Action!

- [Browse Ask Now! questions & answers](#)
- [Submit your question](#)
- [Take our survey](#) to give us feedback

### May 17, International Child Helpline Day

Join us today in celebrating the sixth annual International Child Helpline Day sponsored by [Child Helpline International](#) (CHI). Among the 155 CHI members in 133 countries, the Stop It Now! Helpline is the only member helpline that exclusively serves adults, so we offer a unique perspective on empowering adults to nurture and protect children.

*"Our work is to help adults take action to keep children safe from sexual violence. Every call is a chance to change the life*

of a child and keep them safe from sexual harm." (Deborah Donovan Rice, Stop It Now!)



### Take Action!

- Learn about [International Child Helpline Day](#)
- Read about our [networking with other child helplines](#)
- Contact our [Helpline](#)

## Children's sexual behaviors webinar - a smashing success

Over 330 people from across the globe joined us on April 25th for our free webinar: *How Understanding and Responding to Sexual Behaviors Can Prevent Child Sexual Abuse*.

This interactive webinar included lively chat about what child behaviors may be [signs of sexual abuse](#), at what ages is it appropriate for children to bathe together, and many others. Helpline Coordinator Jenny Coleman joined us for the last half hour to answer specific questions from the audience.

*Thank you for the donations of grateful participants who paid forward the benefits of learning about this topic. Free webinars cost money - and we need your support to continue to provide the online learning and professional development that you value. [Donate now](#) at StopItNow.org*

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- Listen to the [webinar recording](#)
- [Sign up](#) for alerts about upcoming webinars
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## Visit our online store

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The Stop It Now! store stocks prevention tools and promotional materials to speak out about preventing child sexual abuse.

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