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# What is prevention of Child Sexual Abuse?

To understand more about the prevention of CSA and develop effective interventions, we first need to address the **three stages of prevention: primary, secondary and tertiary prevention.**

**Primary prevention**  
**targets entire**  
**populations.**  
**The aim is to prevent**  
**CSA before it occurs.**  
**An example is raising**  
**awareness on CSA in**  
**society.**

**Secondary prevention aims to reduce the risk of sexual abuse among specific groups of individuals.**

**For example, individuals who struggle to control their sexual behaviour towards children.**

**Tertiary prevention**  
targets individuals who  
have already  
committed CSA and  
prevents them from re-  
offending. Examples are  
treatment and  
reintegration in society.

**CSA is a societal problem and needs an approach that works for the entire system.**

**Prevention not only targets individuals who commit (or are at risk of committing) CSA offences, it can also focus on victims, communities or situations.**

**Prevention of CSA  
needs to act on all  
stages of prevention,  
and interventions for  
individuals who fear  
they might offend are  
essential in combatting  
CSA.**

**2PS** is a prevention project that develops effective interventions and provides support for individuals who seek help for their behaviour and thereby reduces (repeated) abuse of children.