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Why do people
**commit child sexual
abuse offences?**

It is difficult to understand why a person would commit CSA.

A common misconception is that all CSA is committed by people who are sexually attracted to children, but in reality, there can be many reasons for committing these crimes.

Knowing why people sexually abuse children does not excuse their behaviour, but it may help us to better understand how to address this issue. There could be many factors involved but there is no universal theory that can explain offending behaviour for everyone.

**Some people who
commit child sexual
abuse offences have
problems with
intimacy and
attachment or come
from violent family
backgrounds.
Some have been
abused themselves.**

**There are offenders
who do not see any
harm in their
behaviour or simply
do not care.**

**Others know that
their behavior is
wrong and want to
get help.**

There are treatment options available to help these people control their behaviour and reduce victimization of children.