

But he told me he would never hurt a child, and I believe him. The Police must have got it wrong, he is a good person.

It is very important to think carefully when we defend a person who may present a risk to your child. Perpetrators of sexual harm are often quite expert at lying to cover up their behaviours.

Pre-conditions model

Dr David Finkelhor created the Preconditions Model or **steps to offending**. There are four stages in total that describe how abuse happens, it can be used to help us understand the perpetrator's process around the abuse, and some of the justifications they develop.

The model is depicted as a series of walls, with each stage being a wall the offender will need to overcome to make his thoughts into a reality.

We will go through each step in this module.



Review the following four stages to offending with your worker and undertake the exercises to explore how the information you have learned may be relevant to your situation.

- <https://ecsa.lucyfaithfull.org/stepstowardsprevention>
- <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/>