

# Why do people molest children?

There is no single or simple answer to this question. However, a cursory understanding can be obtained by thinking the perpetrators are “BADDAS” (pronounced “Bad Ass”).

<b>B</b> locked	Due to their social skills, temperament, or other traits, the individual cannot form or maintain relationships with adults. They use children as surrogates.
<b>A</b> ngry	They are angry at others. Sometimes it is parents, sometimes children, or sometimes just society in general. They seek to hurt others as an outlet for this anger. Children are easy targets and easily damaged.
<b>D</b> elusional	For a variety of psychological reasons they believe children want and like sex with them. They are unable to read and respond to the cues in their social world.
<b>D</b> eviant	For a variety of reasons they are simply attracted to children sexually. They act out these attractions by molesting children.
<b>A</b> nti <b>S</b> ocial	They are self centered and simply don't care about what happens to others. They take what they want with no regard to the child.

Offenders may have any, a combination, or all of the above motivations.

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