

# Practise zero tolerance against child molesters

LAST Saturday's report ("12 years' jail and 12 strokes for man who sexually abused boy") which described the molestation of a six-year-old boy by a male university undergraduate in a toilet outside Yishun Community Library at Northpoint is too close for comfort.

As the mother of a six-year-old child who also patronises Yishun Community Library, I am concerned as it was not an isolated incident. Similar cases have taken place in other shopping centres, community centres, swimming complexes and recently, even in a school toilet.

All shopping centres, schools, swimming complexes and other public places must tighten security at male toilets.

The police should launch an awareness and prevention campaign to alert the public to the threat of sexual molesters. Prominent posters placed at the entrance to toilets will remind the public to watch out for suspicious loiterers.

In addition, all cubicles in male public toilets should have no doors. I am sure that most civic-minded men would not mind the loss of privacy to ensure the safety of young boys.

Parents, teachers and preschool staff must teach children to be on guard against molesters. Early sexual trauma scars a child for life. There should be zero tolerance against child molestation.

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