THE DEVIANT CYCLE
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- Compulsive
- Planned

Thinking Errors
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- Remorse or Fear
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- Offense
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- **Affect or Deviant Arousal Factors** = Noteworthy for adult male sex offenders, this may be the reasons or a contributing factor to the “why” of offending behaviors for some individuals.

- **Seemingly Unimportant Decisions (SUDS)** = the events that the offender strings together, that mutually exclusive of each other may not be important, but that when woven together somehow always place the offender in the position to offend.

- **High Risk Factors** = These factors are subjectively defined for each offender. High risk factors are impacted on by the modus operandi of the offender and place children at risk. (i.e., driving a school bus, volunteering to be a basketball coach, living next door to a library)

- **Target Selection Factors** = Offenders select the children that they intend to victimize. (i.e., offending children who possess a physical characteristic, gender based offenders, or selecting a certain “type” of children.)

- **Planning and Deviant Fantasy Factors** = The offender fantasizes about the deviant offending behavior. The use of pornography for males is prominent either before, during or after the sexual abuse.

- **Grooming of Force Factors** = This factor is the action generated on the part of the offender to ensure that the child feels responsible for the offense and it ensures that the child is available to the offender in the future. Force may be either directly stated to the child, as in the displaying of a weapon, or more often than not, implied to the child.

- **Offense** = The physical act of sexually offending against a child.

- **Maintaining Secrecy** = The offender must maintain the secrecy of the sexual abuse. Secrecy is the “glue” that allows sexual abuse to continue.

- **Remorse or Fear** = Offenders feel different levels of remorse or guilt over their behaviors. Remorse, however, is not an effective inhibitor to guard against future offending behavior.