

Megan's Law

Megan's Law is named after a little girl who asked her mother to see the neighbor's new puppy one day. Unfortunately, that mother was unaware that the neighbor was not someone who should have access to children.

The neighbor was someone who should have been known to the mother and daughter as a "Bad Stranger." Now Federal law requires that parents have the opportunity to be informed about their neighbors.

But most parents don't know how to access this information or what to do with it once they have it.

The problem is...

75% of victims know their attacker, they are not a stranger.

Over half of these incidents occur within one mile of the victim's home, it happens in their neighborhood.

Offenders who are released on probation or otherwise move an average of 3 times a year, the data on where they are is constantly changing.

80% of us have an offender within one mile of our home, they live in safest of areas and don't track any particular demographic.

Do you know your neighborhood?

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5 Tips to Protect Your Child

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1) Be Completely Open With Your Child.

Foster a two-way open communication between you and your children. Children must feel safe to express their fears.

2) Encourage Your Children To Be Cautious, Not Afraid.

Be honest and clear about dangers, but avoid telling them scary details. Talk in a calm and reassuring manner, and use language that is age-appropriate.

3) Teach Children How To Recognize Suspicious Behaviors Instead Of Blindly Fearing Certain People.

Teach your children to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior in any adult. Your child should be taught that adults who exhibit the following behaviors should not be trusted:

- Asking a child for help
- Following a child either in a car or on foot
- Asking to take a child's picture without parental consent
- Touching a child in way that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused

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4) Teach Your Children To Trust Their Instincts, And That Sometimes, It's OK To Say "No" To An Adult.

Children must learn to trust their own feelings and know that they have every right to say "no" when they sense something is wrong.

Like: Someone trying to take them somewhere, touch them inappropriately, or do anything else that crosses a boundary.

5) Know Your Child's Personality, Whereabouts, And Daily Routine.

Be sensitive to any and all changes in your child's mood or behavior and know their daily activities.

The absolute worst defense against child abuse is for the parent to say nothing. You can't keep your kids safe by pretending the problem doesn't exist.

By incorporating education and establishing a solid line of honest communication, your kids will be safer, smarter, and happier.

PARENTS

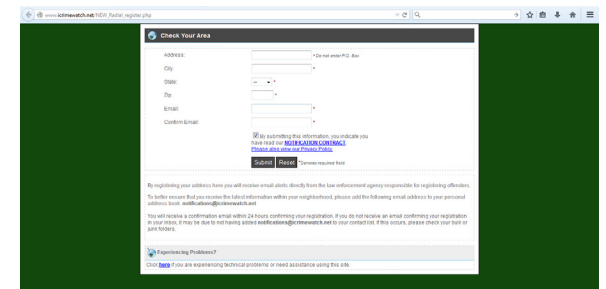
Logon to offenderwatch.com and search for offenders in your area. You will also find safety tips that you can use to help educate your children.

Safe. Happy. No Regrets.

Through the **Community Awareness Program**, OffenderWatch urges parents to be vigilant about offenders near them.

Here's how the program works:

- Go to offenderwatch.com and select the public option.
- Fill out the form with an address, city and zip code.



- You'll be given a map that highlights offenders in your area. You'll also be able to view details about each offender.

That's it! To complete the program, print out the map, sign it and have your child return it to their teacher.