

# What You Need To Know About Megan's Law..

## California law

### PC 290

Requires sex offenders to register with local law enforcement. California has 95,401 registered offenders, as of 6/7/02.

#### Who is required to register?

- Adult and juvenile sex offenders; serious offenders; high-risk offenders

#### What is the purpose of PC 290?

- Allows adults to obtain information about "serious" and "high-risk" registered sex offenders in their local community.
- Allows law enforcement to proactively notify schools and at-risk individuals (or their parents) of serious and high-risk sex offenders living near them if there is a reasonable suspicion that the offender poses a risk.

Sources: State of California Department of Justice- Sex Offender Information

State of California Department of Justice- Megan's Law



You may access the information by CD-Rom at the Norwalk Sheriff's viewing station (at no cost):

**Norwalk Sheriff's Station**  
**12335 Civic Center Drive**  
**Norwalk, CA**  
**(562) 863-8711**  
Available 24 hours a day,  
365 days a year.

#### Information Includes:

- Name and known aliases;
- Age and sex;
- Physical description, including scars, marks and tattoos;
- Photograph, if available;
- Crimes resulting in registration;
- County of residence;
- Zip code (based on last registration).



#### Viewing Requirements:




- Viewers must present a California driver's license/identification card to confirm their identity.
- Sign a statement verifying that they are not a registered sex offender.

*The viewing is provided by local law enforcement officials who instruct the viewer that the information should only be used for public safety purposes.*

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PROTECT THEMSELVES!

### BEWARE OF PREDATORS!

YOUR  
CHILDREN  
SHOULD  
KNOW  
TO:

- **ALWAYS** use the BUDDY SYSTEM and never go places alone. Predators usually focus on the "loners."
- **CHECK FIRST!** Always let someone know where they are going. 
- **NEVER** get into a car or go with a person unless a parent has given permission. Keep a safe distance (10 ft.) from a car with someone in it.
- **BE SUSPICIOUS** of adults who seem too friendly. The safe thing to do is to say "NO!", then Go and Tell someone.
- **TELL** a parent or a trusted adult if anyone offers gifts, money, or a job; wants to take their picture; makes them keep a secret. 
- **BEWARE** of predators who use tricks to lure children. A child should know that grown-ups do not need to ask children for directions, or for help finding something like a puppy or kitten.
- **RUN** to a store, or somewhere where there are a lot of people if child feels threatened or is being followed. 

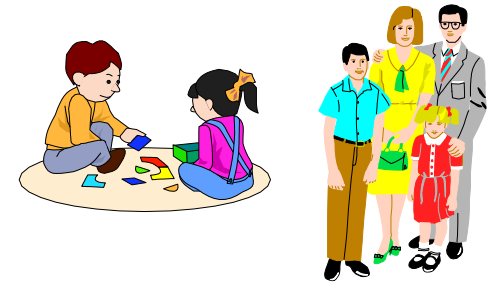
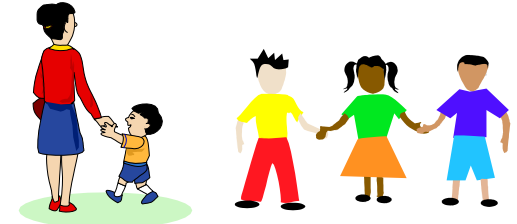
## Protect Yourself and Your Family! More Rules to Teach Your Children

- If someone tries to take you away, yell, "This person is not my father (or mother)" and scream.
- If you get lost in a store, find another mom with children or go to the checkout counter. Don't wander around on your own.
- No one should touch you in the parts covered by your bathing suit, and you should not be asked to touch anyone there.
- Know the family password. Don't go with anyone that doesn't know the password.
- If home alone when answering the phone, never say that a parent isn't there. Don't open the door if someone knocks or rings the bell. Children should know who to call if they are scared or need help.
- If threatened by someone, loudly yell "NO!" Screaming/attracting lots of attention is one of the most effective things a child can do in a frightening situation.



## What YOU Must Do As Parents:

- Set an example of good safety habits for your child. For instance, when away, tell your children how long you will be gone and where you can be reached.
- Allow your children to talk freely about themselves and their feelings. Children who are listened to, and have their needs met in the home, are less vulnerable to abuse or exploitation.
- Know your children's friends and their parents. Keep lists of their phone numbers and addresses.
- Know your neighbors. Teach your children where they can go and which neighbors they can seek out if they feel threatened.
- Know how your child's daycare center, youth organization, or school screens its personnel.
- Know the times and route(s) your child travels to and from school or activities.
- Raise your child with a strong sense of self-respect and with good self-esteem. Predators are looking for the lonely child who is hungry for attention.



## MEGAN'S LAW: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN



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