

### 3 Simple Tips for Parents

1. Provide positive information that is based on truth, not myths. This instills the value of honesty and openness and shows you trust your children to know the facts.

2. Teach appropriate boundaries. Tell them under no circumstances is ANYONE, family member, friend, trusted authority figure, etc. allowed to touch them inappropriately or talk to them in an inappropriate manner. Teach them to say the following: "I know what you are trying to do is wrong, and if you continue, I WILL tell my parents, the police, or someone who will listen and you will go to jail."

3. Have them walk in groups of three or more to school, or the playground, or to friend's house. Identify SAFE places for them and tell them to scream and run to the nearest SAFE place, when approached by a stranger.



**Tell your elected representatives you are tired of political grandstanding and ineffective laws, let them know you want them to support your family with a National Sex Offenders Policy Forum or you will vote for someone who will.**

**Visit our web site to educate yourself... then tell everyone you are for positive changes in the way we are dealing with the sex offender issue.**

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## SOS-Network

*Renewing Hope –*

*Restoring Truth –*

*Rebuilding Lives!*



**Our mission is to dispel the myths, lies, and misconceptions about the sex offender issue with facts and truth, making communities and all families safer.**

**"The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning but without understanding."  
- Justice Louis D. Brandeis**



The CDC states that Sexual Abuse is first and foremost a PUBLIC HEALTH issue.

As we continue to allow politicians and the media to misrepresent the facts about sexual abuse, women and children become less safe from the very abuse we are trying to prevent. Here are two examples:

**Myth – Strangers are lurking at school bus stops or around playgrounds looking for children to molest.**

**Fact –** According to all reliable resources, around 90% of all child molestation cases involve someone who is a family member, or who is close to or trusted by the family and victim.

**Myth – Sex offenders have the highest recidivism rate.**

**Fact –** According to the U.S. Dept. of Justice and other studies done since 1994, sex offenders commit another crime, of any kind, at a rate less than 21%; offenders who complete therapy re-offend at less than 6%.

The problem with politicians, the media, and their continued misguided concept of interchangeably using words like sex offender, child molester, pedophile, predator, and sexually violent predator is it does not make women and children safer; furthermore, it has the opposite effect.

A “sex offender” can be anyone who committed an offense. This includes, urinating in public, mooning someone, consensual sex between teen-agers.

A “child molester” label is, in most states, now given to anyone who has sexual contact or has a sexual advance toward a person under 18, even teen-age consensual sex.

A “pedophile” is someone who is attracted to a pre-pubescent child. Someone who has an attraction to a teen-ager is an Ephebophile. Labeling



Myths, Lies, and Misconceptions do not make us safer; only the truth can.

ALL sex offenders as a “pedophile” misinforms parents and children.

**“Predators” and “Sexually Violent Predators” should be the focus of our efforts.** When we ascribe “child molester”, “pedophile”, “predator” and “sexual violent predator” to all forms of sexual abuse unsystematically, we dilute their meaning, rendering the terms meaningless. Common sense tells us by allowing this confusion, we in fact make women and children less safe.

We advocate adopting a Restorative Justice model and returning the Sex Offender Registry to its original intent. This will make it a more effective monitoring tool for law enforcement. Additionally, registries need to be removed from the Internet; requiring citizen access through local law enforcement only.

**5 Real Solutions:** 1) Treatment of high-risk separately from low-risk offenders and removal of low-risk from the registries. 2) Civil commitment for predators & sexually violent predators. 3) Treatment programs for ALL offenders and victims. 4) Implement a five-tier risk level assessment system; to include NO (or Negligible) RISK, LOW RISK, MEDIUM RISK, HIGH RISK, and PREDATOR. 5) Assessment of risk level by a 7-member board of trained therapists and corrections personnel.