About the Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry Unit (SORU) was established in June 2000 and is responsible for maintaining the Metropolitan Police Deparment's (MPD's) database of sex offenders, managing the website content, updating the sex offender registry books, coordinating community notifications, and enforcing the Sex Offender Registration Act. The SORU is comprised of both sworn and civilian members.

In March 2001 information from Sex Offender Registry was made available to the public through the MPD's website. The site was enhanced in 2009 to include mapping capabilities. In addition to keeping the community informed, the registry helps promote effective law enforcement and facilitates community self-protection.

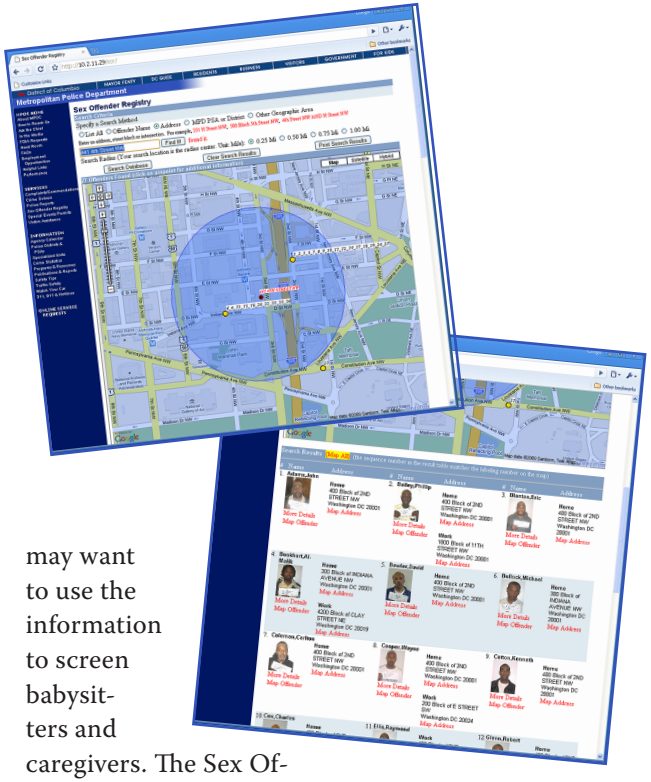
In addition to using the online Sex Offender Mapping Application, community members may visit any police station and inspect a public registry that contains current information on all registered sex offenders in the District of Columbia (a list of these locations is on the back of this brochure). The MPD website lists Class A and Class B offenders only.

What to Do with this Information

The MPD encourages all of our citizens to utilize the sex offender registry information, as an informed community is a safe community. Information on Class A and Class B offenders is available to the community through the website at **www.mpdc.dc.gov**. Additionally, binders containing information on Class A, Class B and Class C offenders are available at any police station.

It is important to note that most of the individuals listed in the Sex Offender Registry are not wanted on any charges and should not be treated as criminals. If an individual is wanted, it is indicated on his or her bulletin.

Community members considering day care providers or businesses and organizations whose employees or volunteers have access to children may find this information useful in making informed choices based on the best information available. Additionally, parents may want to use the information to screen babysitters and caregivers. The Sex Offender Registry allows parents and other concerned citizens to check individuals who may be included in the registry.



While the information provided in the Sex Offender Registry is valuable to numerous members of the community, it is important to remember that the majority of sex offenses against young people are committed by offenders who are known to the victim. According to 1998 Bureau of Justice Statistics data, in 90% of rapes of children less than 12 years old, the child knew the offender.

Sex Offender Registry Classifications

All registered sex offenders are classified as either Class A, Class B or Class C offenders, with Class A representing the most serious offenses. The MPD has not considered or assessed the specific risk of re-offending for any individual registrant included in the registry. In addition, MPD has made no determination that any offender included in the registry is currently dangerous. Offenders are included in the registry solely by virtue of their conviction record.

- **Class A Offenders** are "lifetime" registrants who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of such offenses as carnal knowledge, sodomy or first degree child sexual abuse committed against a child under the age of 12; or forcible rape, forcible sodomy, or first or second degree sexual abuse against a person of any age.
- **Class B Offenders** are "10-year" registrants who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of any other sexual offense against a person under the age of 18 years of age, and first- or second-degree sexual abuse of a ward, patient, or client.
- **Class C Offenders** are "10-year" registrants who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of any other felony sex offense against a person 18 years of age or older.

The MPD presumes that information obtained from the sex offender registry will be used responsibly to promote public safety. Unlawful use of sex offender registry information to threaten, intimidate, harass, or injure a registered sex offender will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Safety Tips

Help keep your children safer by following these safety tips. They have been provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. For more information call **1-800-THE-LOST®** or visit **www.missingkids.org**.

- **Make sure you know where each of your children is at all times.** Know your children's friends and be clear with your children about the places and homes they may visit.
- **Never leave children unattended in a automobile**, whether it is running or not. Children should never be left unsupervised or allowed to spend time alone or with others in automobiles. Remind children to never hitchhike, approach a car or engage in a conversation with anyone within a car that they do not know and trust.
- **Be involved in your children's activities.** As an active participant, you'll have a better opportunity to observe how the adults in charge interact with your children.
- **Listen to your children.** Pay attention if they tell you that they don't want to be with someone or go somewhere. This may be an indication of more than a personality conflict or lack of interest in the activity or event.
- **Notice when someone shows children a great deal of attention or begins giving them gifts.**
- **Teach your children that they have the right to say NO** to any unwelcome, uncomfortable, or confusing touch or actions by others. Teach them to tell you immediately if this happens. Reassure them that you're there to help and it is okay to tell you anything.
- **Be sensitive to any changes in your children's behavior or attitude.** Look and listen to small cues and clues that something may be troubling your children, because children are not always comfortable disclosing disturbing events or feelings.
- **Remember that there is no substitute for your attention and supervision.** Being available and taking time to really know and listen to your children helps build feeling of safety and security.

Sex Offender Registry Book Locations

The MPD maintains a public website on registered sex offenders, our website address is **http://mpdc.dc.gov.** Visitors to the website should note that not all registered sex offenders are posted on our website, however the public may view the entire sex offender registry by visiting one of our registry book locations listed below. Our registry books are assembled by District and PSA and are updated monthly.

First District (1D) **101 M St., SW**	*698-0555*
First District Substation (1D-1) **500 E St., SE**	*698-0068*
Second District (2D) **3320 Idaho Ave., NW**	*715-7300*
Third District (3D) **1620 V St., NW**	*673-6815*
Third District Substation (3D-1) **750 Park Rd., NW**	*576-8222*
Fourth District (4D) **6001 Georgia Ave., NW**	*715-7400*
Fifth District (5D) **1805 Bladensburg Rd., NE**	*698-0150*
Sixth District (6D) **100 42nd St., NE**	*698-0880*
Sixth District Substation (6D-1) **2701 Pennsylvania Ave., SE**	*698-2088*
Seventh District (7D) **2455 Alabama Ave., SE**	*698-1500*
Special Operations **2301 L Street, NW**	*671-6511*
Youth Investigations Branch **1700 Rhode Island Ave., NE**	*576-6768*
Sex Offender Registry Unit **300 Indiana Ave., NW, Rm. 3009**	*727-4407*

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