

A Shocking Truth

Sexual assault is a very violent crime that has tainted the lives of 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in the United States alone. That's more than all terrorists attacks in U.S. history combined, yet is never discussed in a Homeland Security meeting.

There are currently 265,000 sex offenders incarcerated in the United States. How-

ever, this is only 10% of all sex offenders. So why does sexual assault see so many victims with little justice? Because it is rarely reported. Nearly 84% of all victims do not report sexual assault.

Some do not report for fear of further victimization or fear of prosecution if the offender is a family member or friend. Many do not report because they do not know what sexual assault is, or that they've been assaulted.

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You Have The Power

We all have the power to stop sexual assault. Here are some ways to help prevent it.

Educate yourself. Read articles, essays, and books about gender inequality and the causes of sexual violence. Locate community resources about sexual violence and share that knowledge with others. Use your local sex-offender registry. Never assume that one type of sexual contact must lead to further sexual acts. Know that sexual temptation does not excuse forced sex.

Protect yourself. Trust your gut. Be aware of date rape drugs. Do not mix sexual choices with alcohol. Communicate. Be assertive. Listen to and respect an individual's right to stop sexual activity.

Empower yourself. Confront jokes by others about rape, sexual violence or sexual harassment. Contact your local rape crisis center to learn about how you can join with others to end sexual violence.



**Rape Crisis Center of
Medina and Summit
Counties**

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759 West Market Street

Akron, Ohio 44303

24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 1-877-434-RAPE

To schedule a presentation contact Candice at:

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PORTRAIT OF A PREDATOR

**What You Should
Know About
Sex Offender Management**

Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law



7-yr old Megan Kanka was raped and murdered by an ex-con with 2 prior convictions for sex crimes

Under Megan's Law of 1997, named for Megan

Kanka, each state is required to implement a sex offender registry and notify communities when sex offenders move within 1,000 ft. of their homes. Notification is also sent to the local school district, law enforcement, child care centers and children's services board.

How the Registry works:

Every time an offender moves or changes addresses, the offender must notify the Sheriff's Office to the next address. The new information is entered into the database. Within five days, notification is required to be sent to anyone living within 1,000 ft. of the offenders address. If requested, notification can be sent by email to anyone within a 1 mile radius.

Anyone that would like information on sex offenders in their area can visit the Summit County Sheriff's website at:

www.co.summit.oh.us/sheriff

Sexually Oriented Offenses

In order to understand the term "sexual offender" you must understand some of the crimes they commit. Remember sexual assault includes acts other than just rape.

- Kidnapping—of a minor regardless of age if it is done to satisfy sexual needs
- Abduction—of a minor
- Criminal Child Enticement
- Rape
- Sexual Battery
- Corruption of a Minor
- Gross Sexual Imposition
- Compelling Prostitution
- Murder—if done to satisfy sexual needs
- Felonious Assault
- Pandering Obscenity

THREE CLASSIFICATIONS OF SEX OFFENDERS

SEXUAL PREDATOR

An offender who was convicted or plead guilty to committing a sexually oriented offense, who is likely to commit more. Subject to notification laws for life.

HABITUAL SEX OFFENDER

An offender who was convicted or plead guilty to committing a sexually oriented offense, who was previously convicted or plead guilty to 1 or more sexually oriented offenses. Judge determines if notification is necessary.

SEXUAL ORIENTED OFFENDER

An offender not designated as sexual predator or habitual sex offender, but is subject to notification laws annually for 10 years after release. Not subject to notification law.