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For additional safety tips and information go to
www.icrimewatch.net and click on safety tips.

The Cuyahoga and Lake County Sheriff's Office provided the above information to better assist citizens with concerns and questions. If you have any further questions, concerns, and/or problems please notify the appropriate department.

City of Euclid, Division of Police
www.euclidpd.org

Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office
www.cuyahoga.oh.us/sheriff

Lake County Sheriff's Office
www.lakecountyohio.org/sheriff

Q. Is it just a matter of time before the offender commits another crime?

A. While there is no way that anyone can accurately predict the future behavior of another person, past behaviors are an indication of whether an individual, or group, poses a higher risk to the public.

For example, if a driver has speeding tickets, they pose a greater risk to be in a traffic accident than drivers who do not; thus, they pay more for their insurance because they are more likely to get into an accident than non-speeders. Not all speeders get into accidents. In fact, most will not have an accident; it's just that they are statistically more likely to have an accident than are other drivers. Similarly, not all offenders will commit another crime; however, knowledge of a potential risk should assist you and your family in avoiding situations that allow for easy access to victims.

Q. If I receive a flyer, an e-mail alert or a list of offenders, may I pass it out in my neighborhood?

A. Laws vary from state to state. Check with your local law enforcement agency to determine if you may give copies of this e-mail to your neighbors. The fact that you received this e-mail alert indicates that any one in your area is eligible to subscribe and receive a similar notification from ICrimeWatch. Concerned neighbors should be encouraged to become a member by subscribing at www.icrimewatch.net .

Q. There is a sexual predator/offender in our area that, I believe, is still coming in contact with children. What should I do?

A. First of all, do not confront the individual. Contact your local law enforcement agency to inform them of your suspicion. They will inquire whether or not contact with children is being made.

Q. What do I tell my children about this offender?

A. DON'T accept a ride from this person, DON'T go into their home or yard. TELL your parents if this person offers you toys, money or gifts.

Other safety tips to discuss with your children:

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

This notification should assist you and your family in avoiding situations that allow for easy access to victims. Don't harass your neighbor. An offender put in a stressful state is more likely to relapse. Let's help him to succeed; we all win with fewer victims. Please remember that these people have served their sentences and are not wanted by the Sheriff's office at this time. Citizen abuse of this information such as threats, intimidation, or harassment of these offenders is prohibited by law.

Children are particularly vulnerable to sex offenders. Open communications between parents and children are vital components of family safety. If a picture is available from your government Web site, show it to your family. In general terms, tell your children that this person has hurt someone before. Explain to them they should stay away from this individual. Avoid scary details. The purpose behind community notification is to reduce the chance of future victimization by better informing the public. Nearly 80% of all sex crimes are committed by someone known to the victim.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:



Euclid Police Department

545 East 222nd Street, Euclid Ohio 44123

Emergency 911, Dispatch (216) 731-1234, Community Policing (216) 289-2733

Sex Offender Information and FAQ

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