WHAT IS "MEGAN'S LAW?"

With the enactment of California's Megan's Law in 1996, residents gained access to valuable information to help protect themselves and their loved ones from the threat of registered sex offenders. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has greatly expanded public access to sex offender information by establishing the Megan's Law Internet Web Site.

WHAT IS ON THE WEB SITE?

Information on more than 63,000 registered sex offenders including the full addresses of more than 33,500 offenders. The address information, which was not previously available to the public, is graphically displayed on maps in relation to the user's neighborhood, other addresses, parks, and schools.

WHAT CAN I SEARCH?

Names, addresses, cities, ZIP codes, counties, parks and schools.



WHO IS DISPLAYED?

Specified persons who are required to register as sex offenders under Penal Code (PC) section 290. They are categorized as: "Full Address" or "ZIP Code Only" depending on the type, and number, of sex offense(s) for which the offender has been convicted.

WHO IS NOT DISPLAYED?

Sex offenders who have been granted a legal exclusion or have been convicted of an offense not requiring public disclosure (see PC section 290.46). Even though an offender is not displayed, he/she is still required to register as a sex offender and meet all legal requirements contained in PC section 290.

WHAT INFORMATION IS PROVIDED?

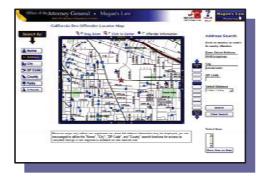
Based on the search conducted, either an offender listing or offender profile will be shown. A list is provided when more than one offender matches the search criteria.



From a listing, the public can access an offender's profile which includes: name; photograph; physical description; offenses, scars, marks and tattoos, and aliases; registration status, city, ZIP code and county.



For sex offenders with full address information, a map indicates the specific locations of the offenders. (Click on the "View on Map" button.)



ARE TRANSLATIONS PROVIDED?

Yes. Megan's Law information is available in Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. Audio recordings in each language can be found on the Attorney General's Web Site: www.ag.ca.gov.



These links connect the user to the Megan's Law Internet Web Site in the selected language and explain the purpose of the Web Site.

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IS OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE?

Yes. It includes information on topics such as:

- Megan's Law
- How to Protect Yourself and Your Family
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Facts About Sex Offenders
- Sex Offender Registration Exclusion Information
- Summary of the Law
- Penalties for Misuse
- Prohibition of Working With Minors
- Sex Offenses
- Juvenile Offenses
- Publications

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS INFORMATION?

No. There is no cost for accessing any of the information that is provided on the Megan's Law Internet Web Site.

LEGAL USE OF MEGAN'S LAW INFORMATION

It is a crime to use the information disclosed on the Megan's Law Internet Web Site to commit a misdemeanor or felony or to harass or discriminate against a sex offender.

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To report information concerning a sex offender, contact your local law enforcement agency.

You can also report information regarding a sex offender directly to the DOJ by:

 opening a sex offender profile and clicking on the "Report Information to DOJ" button.

Report Information to DOJ

e-mail: MegansLaw@doj.ca.gov

• telephone: (916) 210-3113

For additional information concerning sex offender registration contact:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SEX OFFENDER TRACKING PROGRAM P.O. Box 903387 Sacramento, CA 94203-3870



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