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Keep your child safe from sex offense Tips for caregivers and parents

Don't be lulled into a sense of security just by checking the registry.

Realize the vast majority of sex offense is unreported and doesn't make it to the registry.

Understand that your child is most likely to be abused by someone you both know.

Follow your instincts about people. If they make you or your child uncomfortable don't be afraid to act on your suspicions.

Minimize the opportunity for abuse by reducing one adult one child situations.

Ask questions about the other adults in your child's life.

Explain the difference between a surprise and a secret.

Help children understand that is it not just strangers who can harm them, but people we know can also hurt us.

Resources

Rapeline & helpline: 1-800-832-1200

Safe Homes hotline 1-888-503-HOPE

YWCA Orange County 561-8050

Orange County Dept of Mental Health

Port Jervis 858-1456

www.stopitnow.com

www.darkness2light.com

<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor>

To schedule a safety presentation call 561-8050 ext. 23