

CHAPTER TEN



MEGAN'S LAW

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1. **PURPOSE:** To develop a crisis response to a Public Notification of the residence given to a local school administrator within the parameters of the school of a Sexually Violent Predator or an Out-of-State offender who is required to submit to community notification.
2. **WHAT TRIGGERS THE INTERVENTION PROCESS?** The report of Public Notification of the residence of a Sexually Violent Predator or Out-of-State Offender who is required to submit to community notification by Police authorities. The local administrator receives a notification flyer of the presence of a sex offender within a close proximity to the school.

PROCEDURES:

A. Identify appropriate procedures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students.

1. Check the Megan's Law website for information about the offender <http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/> (see Attachment 9-A)
2. Maintain adequate supervision of all students at all times.
3. Review school policies for school drop off and dismissal procedures to assure adequate supervision of all students

B. Who does what?

1. The Local School Administrator sends home a notification to parents: (see Attachment 9-B)
2. The notification flyer received from law enforcement regarding the Sexually Violent Predator or Out-of-State Offender who is required to submit to community notification is posted in the faculty room.
3. The Staff is then to notify the Local School Administrator if the predator or offender is observed in the vicinity of the school.
4. The Local School Administrator will contact the local Police and/or authorities to report a sighting in the vicinity of the school.

C. When do you respond?

1. When the Police Department and/or local authority advises the school that a Sexually Violent Predator or Out-of-State Offender who is required to submit to community notification under the provisions of Pennsylvania's Megan's Law has taken up residence within the vicinity of the school (1 mile radius).

D. What will the follow-up be?

1. Local School Administrators should continue to monitor the Pa State Police *Megan's Law website* <http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/> for additional information.
2. Should there be any reason or suspicion that the offender has violated the restrictions of the law, contact the State Police.

F. Additional Resources

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<http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/>