



**Diocese of Erie  
Office for the Protection of Children**

**Additional Resources for Adults**

**Child Abuse Reporting and Hotlines**

**Childline** (in Pennsylvania)

To report suspected child abuse  
1-800-932-0313

**National Child Abuse Hotline**

1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)

TDD, for the hearing impaired: 1-800-2-A-CHILD

[www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org)

This hotline's staff answers questions, gives advice and provides information regarding reporting abuse and other related topics. Trained counselors are available at no cost 24 hours a day to talk with callers on a confidential basis.

**National Sexual Assault Hotline; Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network**

1-800-656-HOPE

[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

This is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. They have counselors available 24 hours a day and will connect callers to local sexual assault resource centers.

**Cyber Tipline**

1-800-843-5678

Use the "tipline" to report inappropriate or suspicious online activity and the sexual exploitation of children. Run by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ([www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org))

**National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**

<http://www.missingkids.com>

Offers information about how to report missing children and tips on how to protect children online.

**National Runaway Hotline**

1-800-231-6946

This hotline has trained counselors available 24 hours a day to help families of runaway youth.

**Child Abuse Prevention/Child Protection Information**

[Unusual Suspects Video \(pa.gov\)](http://www.pa.gov)

click on *Unusual Suspect Video*, which teaches parents to recognize potentially dangerous behaviors of sex offenders. Over 85% of sexual assault victims are abused by someone they know. And that someone is often a respected individual within the community who, through very deliberate behaviors, has charmed his or her way into the heart of the community to victimize children.

<https://www.d2l.org/> Many resources. Download the excellent publication *7 Steps to Protecting Our Children*

<http://www.preventchildabuse.org/resources/> Short articles on various topics for parents about child protection from Prevent Child Abuse America.

[www.parentsanonymous.org](http://www.parentsanonymous.org) This national organization encourages all parents to ask for help early, whatever the circumstances, to break the cycle of child abuse.

[Protection of Children and Young People | USCCB](#) Official site of the Office of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

<http://www.pcar.org/about-sexual-violence/teens> Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape website designed for teens. Excellent information, videos, and links for teens regarding sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating and sexual assault, etc.

## Internet Safety Info for Parents

<http://www.fosi.org/> Family Online Safety Institute international, non-profit organization which works to make the online world safer for kids and their families. Involved in *Platform for Good* Initiative <http://www.aplatformforgood.org> which is designed to help parents, teachers and teens connect, share and do good online.

<https://auth.isafe.org/about> i-safe America Inc. is the worldwide leader in Internet safety education. Founded in 1998 and endorsed by the U.S. Congress, i-SAFE is a non-profit foundation dedicated to protecting the online experiences of youth everywhere.

<http://www.safekids.com/> Many resources. A nonprofit public service providing "kid-tech news" for parents and educators in more than 50 countries

[www.missingkids.org/NetSmartz](http://www.missingkids.org/NetSmartz) Provides on- and offline learning activities for parents to facilitate discussions with their children and teens about Internet safety.

<http://www.getnetwise.org> Tools for parents and educators

<http://zilladog.com/> Provides easy and affordable e-mail accounts designed specifically for kids with the protection and controls parents want. Focused toward kids ages 7 to 13, spam-free.

[Parent Guides from ConnectSafely - ConnectSafely](#)

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/protecting-kids-online> Federal Trade Commissions Protecting Kids online provides information about the opportunities kids have to socialize online along with the benefits and risks. Adults can help reduce the risks by talking to kids about making safe and responsible decisions.

## ...For Kids & Teens

[KidSmartz \(missingkids.org\)](#) Child safety program designed to help parents protect kids (Gr. K-5)

[Into The Cloud \(missingkids.org\)](#) "Into the Cloud" for **elementary children** designed to teach internet safety.

<http://www.safeteens.com/> A place for **teens and parents** to learn how to use the Internet safely. No preaching, just good advice.

<http://www.aplatformforgood.org> helps teens connect, share and do good online.

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## Internet Filtering Software

<http://internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com/>

## Media Information

<http://www.parentstv.org/> Parent's Television Council – a non-partisan educational organization advocating responsible entertainment

[Reviews - OSV News](#) Catholic movie reviews

<http://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews?qclid=CND0z-PI-qICFd8B5wodDHPlzw>  
Rating Guide for Parents for TV, Movies, Video Games, etc.

[Safety Tips - ConnectSafely](#) Cell Phone Safety Tips

## Offender Registry Information

### Meagan's Law website

<http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/> List all registered sexual predators in Pennsylvania

### National Sex Offender Public Website

<http://www.nsopr.gov/>

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