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# Securing Your Children's Ministry

Practical Steps To Creating a Secure  
Children's Ministry Environment

*My people perish for lack of knowledge – Hosea 4:6*





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## Why Child Safety Matters

A Quick Glance at the Numbers...

- Over **747,000** registered sex offenders in the US alone.
- More than **100,000** sexual offenders who fail to report yearly.
- **1 in 3** girls and **1 in 4** boys will be sexually assaulted before 18.
- **40%** of offenders who target young children are juveniles themselves.
- Only **3%** of sexual offenders have a chance of getting caught.
- Over **80%** of child victims know their abusers.



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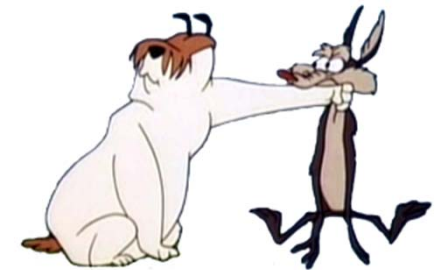
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## Building a Successful Security Team

How to Build a Successful Security Team...

- Find a trusted law enforcement member to head the team.
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- Get to know who's on the team personally
  - They are your #1 resource in any incident
- Equip your team with GOOD radios and keep one yourself
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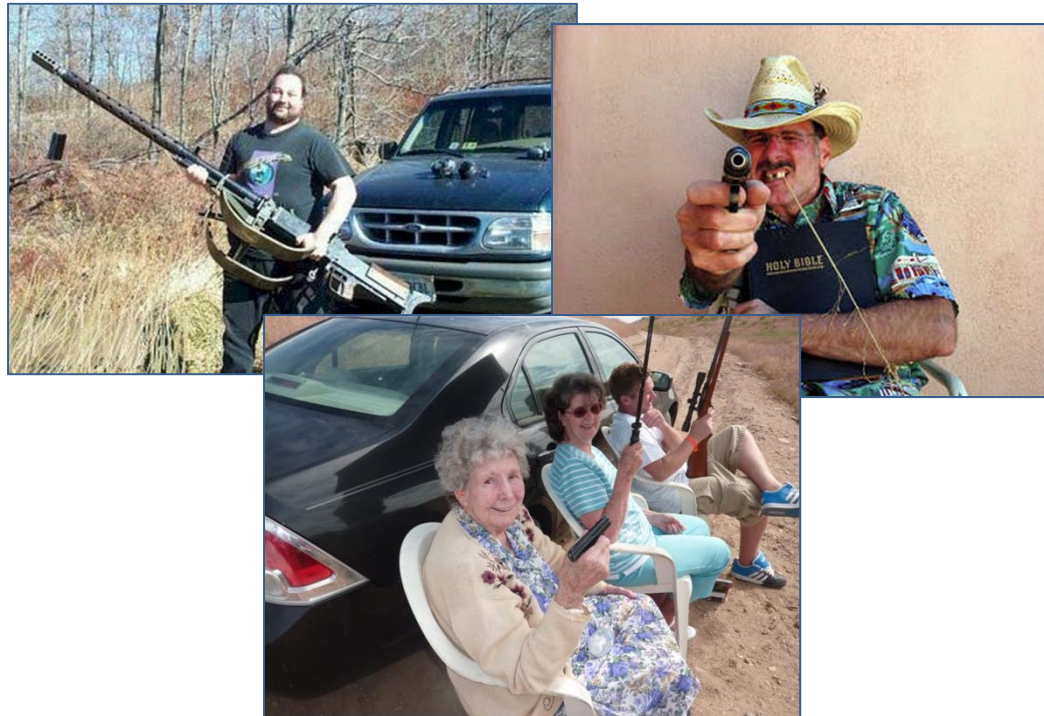
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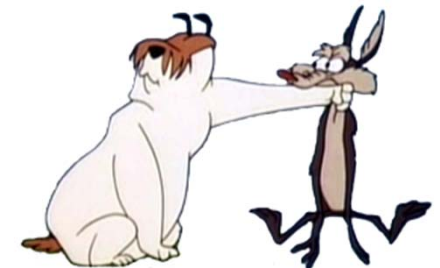
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## Facilities Security

Simple Changes that Make a Huge Difference

- Use classrooms in a highly visible area
- If classrooms don't have windows, keep doors open
  - Use child gates
  - Maintain right volunteer ratio
- Control access to individual classrooms
- Limit the number of entry points to your children's area.
- Always assume the worst and apply common sense





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## Medical Emergencies

During an incident is the worst time to prepare

- Have a first aid kit
  - Make sure volunteers know where it is
  - CLEARLY mark it
- Have a system for identifying allergies per child
- Document an incident and make sure you can find it
- Take photos of any incident to protect all involved
- Get medical releases from parents
  - Make sure you can access them remotely
- Train your volunteers and security team in CPR



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During an incident is the worst time to prepare


**Heartsaver®**  
**Child CPR AED**



*Tap and shout*  
*Yell for help. Send someone to phone 911 and get an AED*



*Look for no breathing or only gasping*  
*Push hard and fast. Give 30 compressions*



*Open the airway and give 2 breaths*  
*Repeat sets of 30 compressions and 2 breaths*



*If you are alone after 5 sets of 30 compressions and 2 breaths, phone 911, and then resume sets of 30:2*  
*When the AED arrives, turn it ON and follow the prompts*





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## Emergency Planning

Don't make it worse by not knowing what to do

- Develop a plan with your security team
- Think natural disaster (fire/flood/etc)
- Think medical emergency (where/when to move a victim)
- Think security emergency (angry parent/custody issues)
- Know what to do before it happens
- Publish the plan and make sure you volunteers know what to do
  - Good emergency planning could save your organization!



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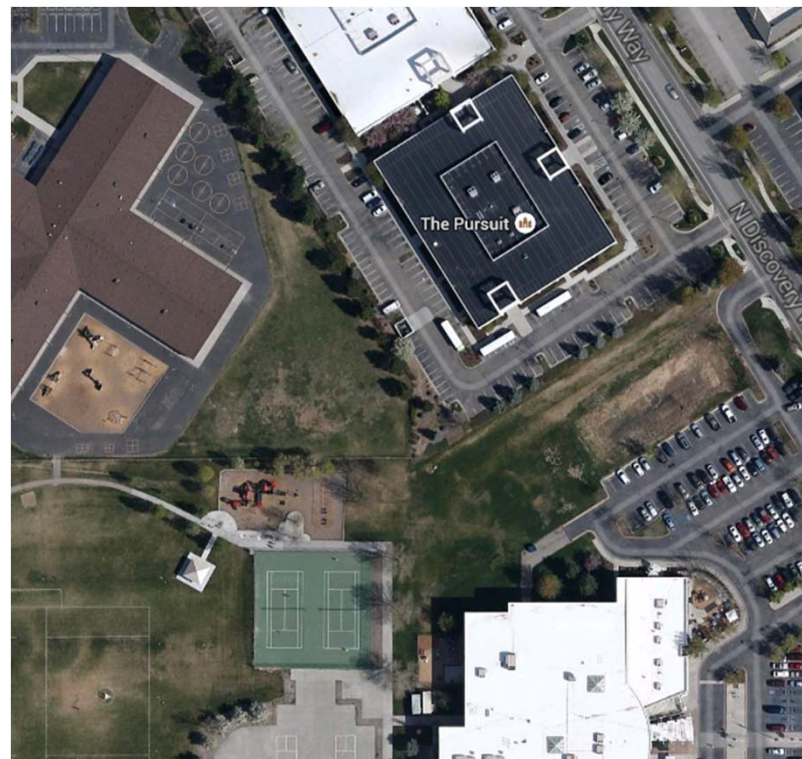
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## Volunteer Policies

They only work if you use them every time

- ALWAYS background check a volunteer
- Repeat background checks every 12-24 months
- Institute a mandatory waiting period
- ALWAYS use the rule of 2's
- Prevent opportunities for abuse by developing written policies
- Get Help!
  - [www.stopitnow.com](http://www.stopitnow.com)
  - [www.kidcheck.com/blog](http://www.kidcheck.com/blog)
  - KidCheck Child Protection Policy Webinar





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## Predator Profiles

Who are they?

### Power Predator

- Takes victim by force
- Strikes only when they feel they can prevail
- Cannot easily retreat & claim a misunderstanding
- Less of a focus for churches and established organizations

Example: A child grabbed in a park or school yard & forced into a car.

### Persuasive Predator

- Uses personality & charm to influence others
- Works tirelessly to gain trust & access to victims
- Waits for just the right time to strike
  - Example: A wolf in sheep's clothing.





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## Persuasive Predator Characteristics

What do they look like?

Single/Married

Rich/Poor

**Educated/Uneducated**

Any Profession

All Ethnicities & Race

Responsible

Deliberate

Careful in Planning

**Opportunistic**

Charismatic

Helpful

Attentive

Kind

**Intelligent**

Resourceful

**Risk takers**

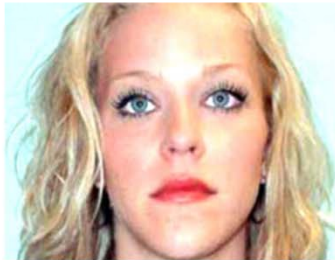
Arrogant

Prideful

**Intuitive**

Revered

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## Predator Profiles

How do they work?

1. Infiltrate a group or community
2. Work tirelessly to earn trust & remove barriers
3. Community or organization drops guard
4. Gain access to victims (Children)
5. Begin process of grooming
6. Start with innocent behaviors
7. Child becomes comfortable
8. Transition to more risky behaviors
9. Increasing level of sexuality is introduced
10. Abuse occurs



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## Predator Profile

### Protecting Against Them...

- Establish and communicate a Child Protection Policy
- Educate & train staff and volunteers
- Provide a secure check-in & check-out process
- Be aware!
- Watch over children that are more vulnerable
- Take children's comments, feedback, observations seriously
- Predators count on privacy! Remove points of isolation
- Create highly visible classrooms
- Utilize resources in your community



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## The Key to CM Security

### Follow Your Own Rules

- Don't make exceptions no matter how well you know the parent
- Never leave a child alone with an adult
- Decrease Isolation & Increase Accountability
- Don't be afraid to say NO!
- **You** are responsible for the child's safety, not "That One Parent"
- Keep good records of attendance
- Don't allow children to be unattended before or after a program
- Use common sense & be safe!



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