

Yamhill County Community Corrections

SAFETY RULES FOR CHILDREN

Because sex offenders get their power through secrecy, the single most effective means of protecting your child is to communicate with them. Open communication between parents and children are vital components of family safety. Talk to your children. They have to feel comfortable discussing sensitive matters with you, and then they are more likely to tell you when a sex offender has put them in an uncomfortable situation. Be aware of the common lures and **don't accept a ride from a stranger.**

If someone follows you on foot or in a car, stay away from him or her. You DO NOT need to go near a car to talk to people inside.

Grown-ups who need help should not be asking children for help; they should be asking other grown-ups.

No one should be asking you for directions or to look for a lost puppy or telling you that your mother or father is in trouble and that he will take you to them.

If someone tries to take you somewhere, quickly get away from him or her and yell or scream. "This man is trying to take me away!" or, "This person is not my mother (or father)."

It is safer to be with other people when going places or playing outside, so always use the BUDDY SYSTEM.

If someone tries to touch you in ways that make you feel uncomfortable or frightened, tell them "NO" and go tell a grown-up you trust what happened.

Know it is NOT your fault if someone touches you in a way that is NOT okay. You do not have to keep it secret.

The information gained through this notification should assist children and their families in avoiding situations that allow sex offenders easy access to victims. Do not harass your neighbor; an offender put in a stressful state is more likely to reoffend.