

San Diego County
Sex Offender Management Council (SOMC)

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Free Community Education Programs
On Protecting Families from Sex Offenders

SAN DIEGO, CA: More than 90% of child sexual assault victims are assaulted by someone known to the child's family. While the focus is on the sensational "stranger danger" aspect of child safety, the truth is that families need to understand the real risk factors their children face, according to Denise Roth, education committee chair for the San Diego Sex Offender Management Council (SOMC).

"Families should be looking closer to home when they are assessing their children's risks," notes Roth. "Research shows that over 80% of child victims are victimized by family members and over 77% are victimized in their own homes," Roth noted.

SOMC is offering education programs free of charge to any community group who would like to learn more about how to safeguard families from sex offenders. Contact Denise Roth to schedule a presentation at deniseroth@cox.net or 619-884-5170.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The council is a county-supported collaboration of professionals from the justice system and treatment community. Each member is also available to discuss specific aspects of sex offender management including subjects such as Sexually Violent Predators, community treatment options for probationers, GPS, registration issues, etc. The names of some council members, their area of expertise and contact numbers are included below. The group meets monthly to discuss common issues.

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