

## Helpline available for support

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The National Megan's Law Helpline 888-ASK-PFML, 888-275-7365, is available to provide support to communities on issues related to accessing sex offender registration information, responsible use of information, sexual abuse prevention resources and crime victim support services.

Parents for Megan's Law (PFML) staff provide assistance to the community in accessing their state sex offender registries, and prevention specialists provide support to parents and community members to assist in their sexual abuse prevention education strategies. Certified rape crisis counselors are available to support all victims of violent crime and to provide geographically appropriate referrals.

The Sex Offender Registration Tips Program provides the public an opportunity to report registrants who are failing to comply with registration requirements, employment or supervision restrictions or who are in positions of trust where they can access children.

Tips can be provided via the Helpline or website at [www.parentsformeganslaw.org](http://www.parentsformeganslaw.org) . This program is not intended to be used to report police emergencies. Dial 911 or contact the local law enforcement agency directly for emergencies. Agency deputized staff work collaboratively with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to facilitate the appropriate follow-up action.

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