

List of Sex Offender Legislation & Programs from the Beginning (as of September 2007)

Washington State's **1990 Community Protection Act** included America's first law authorizing public notification when dangerous sex offenders are released into the community.

The **1994 Jacob Wetterling Act** requires the States to register individuals convicted of sex crimes against children.

On May 17, **1996**, President Clinton signed **Megan's Law**. Megan's Law requires the following two components: Sex Offender Registration, Community Notification.

The **AMBER Alert Program** was created in **1996** as a powerful legacy to 9-year-old Amber Hagerman who was kidnapped and brutally murdered while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas.

Source: <http://www.klaaskids.org/pg-legmeg.htm>

Pam Lychner Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act of 1996 - This law, 42 U.S.C. 14072, also amended the **Wetterling Act**. It directed the Attorney General to establish a national database at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to track the whereabouts and movement of each person.

Source: http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=1482#jacob

The Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) developed **Operation Predator**, an initiative to identify, investigate, and arrest child predators. Officially launched by Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge in July **2003**, Operation Predator draws on ICE's unique investigative and enforcement authorities to safeguard children from foreign national pedophiles, human traffickers, international sex tourists, and other predatory criminals.

Source: <http://www.invincakid.com/academy/abduction.html>

Masha's Law, December 21, **2005**...will allow for a stiffer penalty for downloading child pornography off of the Internet.

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Jessica's Law, the Sexual Predator Punishment and Control Act of 2006, refers to the Jessica Lunsford Act passed in Florida which mandates a minimum sentence of 25 years and a maximum of life in prison for first-time child sex offenders.

Source: http://www.flsenate.gov/session/index.cfm?BI_Mode=ViewBillInfo&Mode=Bills&SubMenu=1&Year=2005&billnum=1877

1994, **Code Adam**, one of the country's largest child-safety programs, was created and promoted by the Wal-Mart® retail stores and named in memory of 6-year-old Adam Walsh. Wal-Mart®, with the help of NCMEC, has generously offered other retailers the opportunity to implement this powerful tool against child abduction

Source: <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/chat/743832/posts>

The **Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006**, HR 4472, was signed into law on July 27, 2006. It establishes a comprehensive national system for the registration of sex offenders.

Source: http://rpc.senate.gov/_files/L49HR4427ChldprotBB072006.pdf

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