



Educating the Community
About Sexual Assault and
About a Comprehensive
Approach to the Management
of Sex Offenders in the
Community

Section 3



Management of Sex Offenders in the Community

Section 3--Learning Objectives



- Help communities understand “managing” sex offenders.
- Inform communities about promising practices.
- Discuss the potential roles of community members.

Why do we need to talk about supervising sex offenders in the community?

- Most end up released into the community.
- Most are not under correctional supervision.
- Some can be safely managed in the community.
- Communities can help sex offenders reintegrate and thus prevent future victimization.
- Helping sex offenders reintegrate into society helps the families (including possible victims) both financially and emotionally.

Sex Offender Management Is:



- Preventing Sexual Assaults by Known Offenders by:
 - Developing and supporting offenders' internal controls; and
 - Establishing external controls over activities.

A Comprehensive Approach to Sex Offenders:

Focused on Victim and Community Safety

Through the Internal and External Control of the Offender

Supervision:

Probation/Parole

Agents:

Monitor and limit activities

Specialized Sex Offender Treatment:

Teaches self-control and reinforces accountability

Preventing the
Sex Offender

from committing future sexual assaults

Community:

Law Enforcement, Polygraph Examiner, and Offender's Employer, Family, and Friends

Victim Advocate:

Assesses impact on victim(s) and potential victims

What Is A Lapse?

- “Stumble” or step in the wrong direction.
- Not necessarily a reoffense.
- A series of lapses may lead to reoffense.
- A goal in treatment is to identify a sex offender’s lapse behavior to prevent a reoffense.
- Close monitoring is essential in combination with treatment.

A Victim-Centered Approach

- Values public safety, victim protection, and reparation.
- Assists victims and controls offenders.
- Empowers victims.
- Commitment by and coordination of key professionals.
- Increases the likelihood that victims will report and receive assistance.