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### Sex Offenders In Newport News

There is nothing more precious than a child. That is why the Newport News Sheriff's Office is proud to help notify the community of sex offenders moving into your neighborhood. Many offenders prey on children. Others target adults. In either case, you can trust the Newport News Sheriff's Office to do everything possible to protect the public.

We are rolling out a brand new web site. With the launch, comes a link to a sex offender watch program. Go to [www.nnsheriff.org](http://www.nnsheriff.org) and click on Sex Offenders.

That will take you to the most comprehensive database available to the public. We have software specializing in sex offender registration and community notification. It allows the Newport News Sheriff's Office to go beyond simply listing the name of a registered offender. We can tell you how close an offender is to your home or school. We can map the person to your neighborhood. Literally.

You type in your address, and a map pops up showing you potential dangers. Sheriff Gabe Morgan himself will email notifications to you. In the event an offender registers within a one mile radius of your registered address, you will hear from Morgan. Because our Sheriff's Office is cooperating with neighboring cities, we have accurate predator and sex offender data that goes beyond the borders of the City of Newport News.

Also, take time to explore the new web site. In order to be in good contact with the community and understand their needs, we must embrace technology. The world talks by way of emails. It learns about its global neighbors by way of the computer. The Newport News Sheriff's Office wants to be as accessible and any other large corporation.

Users who visit our web site will find answers to all their questions about office functions. They can use it to find out about job openings. They can use it to get detailed information. Or they can use it to find answers to the most simple of questions. For example, what hours can they visit a loved one in jail or how can they get mail to an inmate.

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