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## CHECKING THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Child Care Licensing, realizes that you have the utmost concern for the safety of the children in your care. The department urges you to be aware of any sexual offenders who are living within the proximity of your operation and take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the children in your care.

We ask that you periodically visit the Texas Department of Public Safety's free Sex Offender Registry search on this page:

<http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/>

Click on "Sex Offender Registry" on the left side of the page. You can search for a specific name or just enter a ZIP code to get a list of records in the area. The mapping feature allows you to enter your complete address, or the address of your child care operation, to view a map with offender locations marked.

**Never** allow a child to go to the home of a Registered Sex Offender. Depending on a child's age and level of maturity, and the minimum standards applicable to your operation, use reasonable judgment, skill and caution before allowing a child in care at your child care operation to:

- Be unsupervised while playing outside;
- Wait for a school bus or other ride without adult supervision; or
- Walk to or from school alone.

For helpful information about operating a child care business, sample forms, and other materials regarding child growth and development, health and safety, please visit the DFPS website at the following web address:

[http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Care/About\\_Child\\_Care\\_Licensing/](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/About_Child_Care_Licensing/)