

Seaside Church: Policy for Registered Sex Offenders

1. Our number one priority is the safety of children and women who attend our church. Not the confidentiality or 'protection' of a sex offender.
2. We want to extend grace to sex offender's who want to follow Jesus and get connected with our church and will work to do that on a case by case basis.
3. Our Sunday gathering is a public place. Anyone can come gather with us without our knowledge and awareness of their past. Because of that please do not assume everyone is safe in our gatherings.
4. Parents, please ALWAYS watch your kids and don't let them out of your sight. Parent's do NOT let your children go to the bathroom by themselves, if you decide to keep your kids with you for our gathering.
5. In regards to having people over in your homes from Seaside for fellowship, groups, etc. Please use wisdom and caution as to who you invite over. Again, don't assume that simply because someone is at our church gathering(s), they are safe.
6. Remember that most abuse occurs from friends and family who trust one another and not random strangers.
7. Here are the following safety measures we have put in place for Seaside Kids.
 1. All our volunteers are background checked and trained on sexual abuse in the church.
 2. None of our volunteers are permitted to change or go to the bathroom with children who aren't theirs. This includes good friends, babysitters, etc. In other words, even if a volunteer changes a child not their own outside of our church they are not permitted to do so in our Seaside Kids space.
 3. All classrooms are staffed by two volunteers so that an adult is never alone with a child.
 4. All classrooms have windows and an open feel that connects all the rooms to one another.
8. The names of Sex Offenders are public knowledge. If you ever wonder about a specific person or desire to see a list of offenders in your area you can find that information here.
 1. [http //www.familywatchdog.us/#](http://www.familywatchdog.us/#)
 2. [http //www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff/sexoffenders/information.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff/sexoffenders/information.htm)
9. We will provide the names of any sex offender we are aware of that regularly attends our church or that has attended our church at some point. If you would like those names please email [*rob@seasidechurch.com*](mailto:rob@seasidechurch.com).
10. We recognize there are men and women who've been abused in the past. Our Elders are available for counsel and prayer.