



# Sexual Offending Facts

## Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Sex Offender Management Board

- There are over 13,000 registered sex offenders in Colorado
- The majority of sex offenders are not caught or ever detected
- Less than 16% of sex assaults are reported to authorities and even less are prosecuted
- In Colorado 1 in 4 women and 1 in 17 men have been sexually victimized
- There is no typical sex offender but they all tend to be secretive and manipulative and usually of male gender
- Many sex offenders are likely to commit sex offenses other than the type for which they were caught (i.e. involving victims of varying age and gender)
- Most sex offenses are committed in the residence of the offender or the victim
- 78% to 90% of victims of sexual assault know their abuser
- Stranger abductions accounted for only .00015% of all child victim cases in the year 2000
- It is a felony to have sex with someone who is under the influence Of drugs or alcohol and who is physically incapable, unconscious, or unable to appraise the nature of their own actions
- 65% of convicted sex offenders in Colorado are granted community supervision
- Sex offenders use power and control to dominate their victims