



## TOWN OF EVANS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Recipient-

Our records indicate that your business serves vulnerable populations during your day-to-day operations. The law permits that local law enforcement agencies where an offender currently resides, can, if it chooses, release information on sex offenders residing in the community to "entities with vulnerable populations". The law enforcement agency can only release information on level 1, level 2, and level 3 offenders through community notification. Also, while the exact address of level 2 and 3 offenders can be provided, the law provides that only an approximate address based on ZIP code can be provided for level 1 offenders. The law does not hinder the vulnerable population entity from dispersing the information provided by law enforcement.

NYS DCJS maintains the Sex Offender Registry for New York State and provides information to the public, law enforcement agencies, businesses and other entities about individuals required to register as sex offenders in New York State. The type of information available to the public depends on an individual's risk level, which is decided by a judge after a court hearing. Risk level also determines how the public can access information about individuals required to register. There are three risk levels:

- Level 1: low risk of re-offense
- Level 2: medium risk of re-offense
- Level 3: high risk of re-offense

The Town of Evans Police Department recently teamed up with the Erie County Sheriff's Department and are now utilizing a third-party vender called "Offender Watch". In the past, we would work with the Lake Shore School District as a vulnerable population to release information to the community via a published booklet containing the information stated above. With advances in technology and the ability to have the most accurate and timely information, we are encouraging the community to download the "Offender Watch Parent App" on your mobile device. The app is free and will provide real time information on registered sex offenders within a certain radius of your location. The map is interactive, allowing you to click on sex offenders near your location and provide relevant information, along with a photo.

Please visit our Police Department Website @ (<https://evanspolice.ny.com>), Useful Links at the bottom; Erie County-OffenderWatch Sex Offender management, mapping and email alert program will take you to the OffenderWatch website. OffenderWatch App links for mobile devices are also on our website under Useful Links and can be found below:

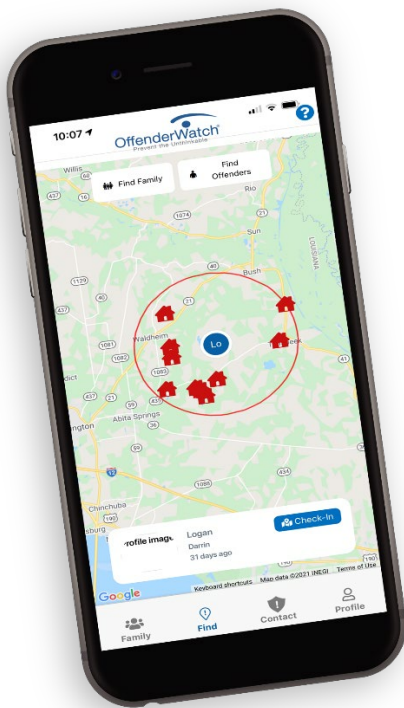
Download for Apple users: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/safe-virtual-neighborhood/id1337998833>

Download for Android users: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.watchsystems.svnparent&pli=1>

If you do not have a mobile device, or wish to not download the app. You can view and search the NYS DCJS Sex Offender Database at the following link. [Search The Official New York State Sex Offender Registry - NY DCJS](#)

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