

Help Your Children Stay Safe...

- ? Talk.
- ? Ask Questions.
- ? Listen.
- ? Be involved in their school and their lives.
- ? Know their friends.
- ? Pay attention to sudden changes in behavior, grades, or interests.
- ? If you need assistance, contact local law enforcement or school officials for help. Encourage your children to do the same.



Bowling Green Police Department

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Bowling Green, KY 42101

Tel: 270-393-4244

www.bgky.org/police

Bowling Green City Schools

Tel: 270-746-2200

www.b-g.kyschools.us

Warren County Schools

Tel: 270-781-5150

www.warren.kyschools.us

Warren County Attorney's Office

Tel: 270-782-2760

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

Tel: 270-746-7485

Barren River District Health Department

Tel: 270-781-2490 Ext. 214

For Emergencies: Call 911

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Keeping Your Children Safe

A Refugee and Immigrant Parent's Guide to Kentucky Laws



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A Note to Immigrant Parents...

Refugee and immigrant youth face many dangers when they are new to a country and a community. Some of those dangers are the same that any child faces when moving to a new place, making new friends, and going to a new school. But for refugee and immigrant children, specific challenges and problems exist. Cultural and language barriers can cause the child to feel lonely, homesick, isolated, and alone. Those feelings can cause children to reach out for companionship in the wrong places and from the wrong people. As a result, they can become vulnerable to gang recruitment, drug and alcohol abuse, and sexual predators, among other dangers. As a parent, it is important for you to know your responsibilities and the laws designed to protect your children in the state of Kentucky.



Some of the Kentucky Laws that protect your children...

"Endangering the Welfare of a Minor:" *Kentucky Law (KRS 530.060)* states that a parent or guardian must take proper care to prevent his or her child from becoming a neglected, dependent, or delinquent child.

"Unlawful Transaction with a Minor:" *Kentucky Law (KRS 530.064; 530.065; 530.070)* states that it is unlawful to induce, assist, or cause a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity, illegal controlled substances including marijuana; to provide alcohol to a minor; to encourage the minor to engage in any criminal activity, to be a truant from school, or to disobey his or her parent or guardian.

"Criminal Gang Recruitment:" *Kentucky Law (KRS 506.140)* states that it is unlawful for a person to solicit or entice another person to join a criminal gang or to intimidate or threaten another person for refusing to join, for withdrawing from, or refusing to submit to a demand made by the gang.

House Bill 91: The Golden Rule Act of 2008 revised several Kentucky laws strengthening actions to be taken by school officials and law enforcement against students who bully or harass other students.



Kentucky Laws Against Sexual Offenses Involving Children...

Several Kentucky laws address sexual offenses, **to include but not limited to** Kentucky Revised Statutes 510.040, 510.050, and 510.060. These laws are different from and even do not exist in many other countries in the world. It is extremely important to take note that by Kentucky law, **a child less than 16 years of age is incapable of consenting to a sexual act..**

Therefore, it is illegal for anyone to have sexual intercourse with anyone less than 16 years old.

For more information regarding these and other Kentucky laws, visit the following website on the internet:

www.lrc.ky.gov

Or contact any of the agencies listed in this brochure.

