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**ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN URGES FAMILIES TO USE THE  
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY TO HELP PLAN SAFE TRICK OR TREATING**

Chicago — With Halloween just days away, Attorney General Lisa Madigan today urged Illinois families to take the time to go online to learn where sex offenders live in their neighborhoods, so they can avoid those homes as they plan safe trick-or-treat routes for their children.

Parents and families can go online to visit the Illinois Sex Offender Registry Web site at [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us) or call the Illinois Sex Offender Registry Team's (ISORT) Hotline at 1-888-41-ISORT (1-888-414-7678). The Sex Offender Registry Web site is administered by the Illinois State Police.

Checking the Sex Offender Registry will bring parents up to date on sex offenders who may be living nearby," said Madigan. "I encourage parents, grandparents and other caregivers to use this resource at Halloween and all through the year."

A total of 24,638 sex offenders are listed on the Illinois Sex Offender Registry, of which 20,005, or 81 percent, committed a crime against a child.

"Parents know to check their children's candy to keep them safe at Halloween. They should be just as vigilant before their kids head out for trick or treating by checking the Sex Offender Registry or calling our hotline," Madigan said.

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Please call the I-SORT Hotline if you do not have access to the internet, have information about non-compliant sex offenders or questions about the Registry.

**1-888-41-ISORT**

