

Sac and Fox Nation Police Department

From the desk of Police Captain Bobby Roberts



Tribal Police Captain Bob Roberts

The sad reality is that we live in an increasingly violent society in which the fear of crime is ever-present. Personal safety has become an issue of importance for everyone, but especially for women. Concerned about this state of affairs, there are ten (10) things that every woman should know about personal safety:

- 1. Awareness:** Your first line of defense. Most people think of kicks to the groin and blocking punches when they hear the term "self-defense." However, true self-defense begins long before any actual physical contact. The first, and probably most important component in self-defense is awareness: awareness of yourself, your surroundings, and your potential attacker's likely strategies.
- 2. The criminal's primary strategy** is to use the advantage of surprise. Studies have shown that criminals are adept at choosing targets who appear to be unaware of what is going on around them. So be aware of your surroundings, and project a presence of being aware and many altercations which are commonplace on the street can be avoided.
- 3. Use your sixth sense.** "Sixth sense." "Gut instinct." Whatever you call it, your intuition is a powerful subconscious insight into situations and people. Especially women have this gift, but few pay attention to it. Learn to trust this power and use it to your full advantage. Avoid a person or a situation which does not "feel" safe-you're probably right.
- 4. Avoid martial arts studios:** Unless you specifically wish to train in the traditional martial arts techniques and are prepared for a long-term commitment. Many women's self defense programs teach watered-down martial arts techniques that are complex and unrealistic under the stress of an actual attack. Choose a self-defense program that includes simulated assaults, with a fully padded instructor in realistic rape and attack scenarios, to allow you to practice what you've learned.
- 5. Escape:** Always your best option. What if the unthinkable happens? You are suddenly confronted by a predator who demands that you go with him-be it in a car, or into an alley, or a building. It would seem to be the thing to do, but you must never leave the primary crime scene. You are far more likely to be seri-

ously injured if you go with the predator than if you run away (even if he promises not to hurt you). Run away, yell for help, do whatever you can to attract attention. And if the criminal is after your purse or other material items, throw them one way while you run the opposite way.

6. Your right to fight. Unfortunately, no matter how diligently we practice awareness and avoidance techniques, you may find yourselves in a physical confrontation. Statistics clearly show that your odds of survival are far greater if you do fight back. Aim for the eyes first and the groin second. Remember, to use the element of surprise to your advantage! Strike quickly, and mean business. You may only get one chance.

7. Pepper spray: Pros and cons. Pepper spray, like other self-defense aids, can be a useful tool. However, it is important to understand that there can be significant drawbacks to its use. Example, it does not work on everyone. Surprisingly, 15-20% of people will not be incapacitated even by a full-face spray. Also, if you're carrying it in your purse, you will only waste time and alert the attacker to your intentions while you fumble for it. Never depend on any self-defense tool or weapon to stop an attacker. Trust your body and your wits, which you can always depend on in the event of an attack.

8. Home invasions: A crime on the rise. The primary way to prevent a home invasion is simply to never, ever open your door unless you either are certain you know who's on the other side or can verify that they have a legitimate reason for being there (dressing up as a repair person or even police officer is one trick criminals use). In the event that an intruder breaks in while you're home, you should have a safe room in your house to which you can retreat. Such a room should be equipped with a strong door, deadbolt lock, phone (preferably cell phone).

9. Avoiding a car-jacking. Lock all doors and keep windows up when driving. Most car-jacking take place when vehicles are stopped at intersections. The criminals approach at a 45-degree angle (blind spot), and either pull you out of the driver's seat or jump in the passenger's seat.

10. A travel tip. Violent crimes against women happen in the best and worst hotels around the world. Predators may play the part of a hotel employee, push their way through an open or unlocked door, or obtain a pass key to the room. As with home safety, never open your door unless you are certain the person on the other side is legitimate, and always carry a door wedge with you when you travel. A wedge is often stronger than the door it secures.

Safety in cyberspace. Although the internet is educational and entertaining, it can also be full of danger if one isn't careful. When communicating on-line, use a nickname and always keep personal information such as home address and phone number confidential. Instruct family members to do the same.

Sex Offender Registration Requirements

Submitted by Quinton Lane

The Sac and Fox Nation Police Department has received several questions concerning the Sac and Fox Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) requirements. The SORNA Act can be accessed online on the Sac and Fox Nation's website in the Government Section under the Code of Laws link. The SORNA Act is Title 11 Criminal Procedures Chapter 8-801 of the Sac and Fox Nation Code of Laws. Also included, under the website's Code of Laws link, are the SORNA Attorney General Rules, which have the force of law, and the SORNA Policy and Procedure for the Police Department, which was approved and enacted by the SFN Business Committee. For an official copy of these documents, please contact the SFN Court Clerk's Office or the SFN Secretary's Office.

The following is a brief synopsis of the various laws, rules, and policies that govern the registration of people that have been convicted of acts of sexual misconduct. What follows is not an all-inclusive explanation and any legal questions should be directed to your attorney or the Attorney General of the Sac and Fox Nation.

Who is required to register? Under the SORNA Act, anyone who "has been convicted, whether upon a verdict, plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere, a suspended or deferred sentence, received any probationary term, is currently serving a sentence or any form of probation or parole for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime, with respect to a sex offense," including some juveniles must register with the Sac and Fox Police Department as a Sex Offender.

When must they register? Under the SORNA Act, "any sex offender who resides, is an employee, and/or is a student within the Sac and Fox jurisdiction;" or they are "within the Nation for, but not limited to, medical care, powwow, cultural or religious activities or sponsored events, or government assistance or functions" which includes medical treatment. Sex Offenders must register when the sex offender "enters and intends to be in the jurisdiction for one day or longer for any purpose." A day under the SORNA act means any part of a calendar day. Registration must occur immediately with the sex offender presenting themselves in person to the Sac and Fox Police Department. The Attorney General's rules have determined that "immediately" for this purpose is within 2 hours. A person convicted by the Sac and Fox Nation for a sex offense must register regardless of his or her residence.

What are some prohibitions placed on

Sex Offenders when they are within the Nation? Sex Offenders who are required to register are generally prohibited from residing with another person who is required to register as a Sex Offender. Loitering within 300 feet of a school, child care facility, playground or park is prohibited if a person has been convicted of any one of several criminal offenses.

The SFN Police SORNA Policy and Procedure, as approved and enacted by the SFN Business Committee, places further restrictions on sex offenders. Any sex offender who sleeps in the Nation more than 5 days in a 60 day period, or stays within the Nation more than 5 or more consecutive days, must register with the Police Department. Homeless/transient offenders must register and report back once every seven days. Any registered sex offender MUST inform the SFN Police Department of their intent to attend any tribally sponsored celebration or event, which includes but is not limited to Pow Wows, dances, family fishing days, and Governing Council Meetings. The notice must include the dates of attendance and other pertinent information.

The SFN Police Department is authorized to place restrictions or additional requirements on sex offenders. The sex offenders must wear an identification card issued by the SFN Police Department identifying the person as a sex offender while in the Nation.

These requirements are completely separate from any compliance or registration required by any state including the State of Oklahoma. The SFN SORNA requirements are driven by federal law and not state law. A person may not have to register with the state but may have to register with the Nation. The tier requirements between state law and the Nation's law may be different also. The decision of Starkey v. Department of Corrections is a state case and does not apply to any offender required to register with the Nation as provided in the Sac and Fox Nation SORNA Act.

Failure to comply with the SORNA Act, the associated Attorney General's Rules, and/or the SFN Police Policy and Procedure may result in criminal charges with a fine up to \$5000.00, imprisonment, and/or banishment from the Nation. Failure to comply with any of the above may also result in Civil Penalties of \$5000.00 per incident and forfeiture of items associated with the non-compliance.

We hope this helps to answer some of the questions concerning the Sac and Fox Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act requirements.

Respectfully,
The Sac and Fox Police Department

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**1st INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
CUSHING OKLAHOMA
1034 EAST WALNUT
ONCE A MONTH.**

THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE
2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL
MEMBERS LIVING IN THE CUSHING AREA WITH
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY
OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIT YOU WITH.

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____		
BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SOCIAL SECURITY # xxx-xxx-(____) SFN ROLL # _____		
Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership will be verified by the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department		
Please List Statement of Need: _____		
Please Provide the Following: The bill you are requesting assistance with & proof of residence if the bill is not in your name.		
Type of Assistance Requested (Please Check All That Apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Elders Lawn Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Dental
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Appliance	<input type="checkbox"/> Dentures
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NOTE You must receive an award letter PRIOR to receiving any Health services requested above. If you receive services prior to an award letter being issued, you are responsible for the charges.		
CLIENT'S STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES		
<small>I hereby authorize the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department to make any necessary inquiries relating to my account's which the RAP Department may be considering making payment on my behalf. I understand that I have the right to a hearing of any action of the Sac and Fox Nation, which I consider improper, and also any unreasonable delay in decision. (Request for fair hearings may be made in writing to the Business Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation, 920883 S. Hwy. 99 Bldg. A, Stroud, OK 74079) I understand that any person who knowingly, willfully and fraudulently provides false information for the purpose of obtaining benefits which he/she is otherwise ineligible to receive; may be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent to the appropriate Tribal statutes.</small>		
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