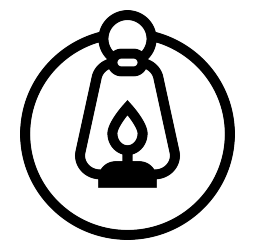


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Links/Stats on Predators Targeting the Church

- In a study of sexual abuse originating in Protestant churches, out of 328 male offenders, 34.9 percent had the title of pastor, 31.4 percent were youth ministers, with associate and worship pastors, church volunteers, deacons, Bible study leaders and church members making up the rest. ([source](#))
- A survey conducted by Church Law and Tax Report found that church volunteers commit 50 percent of all incidents of sexual abuse in churches, paid staff commit 30 percent, and other children commit 20 percent. ([source](#))
- In the average American congregation of 400 persons, with women representing, on average, 60% of the congregation, there are, on average of 7 women who have experienced clergy sexual misconduct. ([source](#))
- 51% of pastors say that Internet pornography is a possible temptation for them ([source](#))
- The Abel and Harlow study revealed that 93% of sex offenders describe themselves as "religious" and that this category of offender may be the most dangerous. ([source](#))

Articles:

- Six Reasons Why Predators Target Churches:
<https://churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/outreach-missions-articles/250276-6-reasons-sexual-predators-target-churches.html>
- Example of predator repeating abuse at a string of churches:
<https://baptistnews.com/article/newspring-church-denies-liability-for-volunteer-accused-of-child-sex-abuse/#.YmGbuhNKjBI>

Equipping Measures:

Protect My Ministry: Child Safety Training (free)

