

YOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON ADVISER – INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our *Senior Advisers – Community Engagement and Reintegration* are here to improve public understanding about how we manage offenders with high and complex needs in the community. It's their job to work with communities when an offender returns to the area to ensure people have the confidence in our processes to keep everyone safe.

Corrections has designed the senior adviser role to:

- build relationships with schools, local bodies and other stakeholders to broaden public understanding of our work
- support communities when Corrections notifies them about high risk offenders returning to their communities to live
- facilitate safe and sustainable reintegration for high risk offenders.

How we can help

Corrections has nine senior advisers around the country to focus on community engagement and reintegration of sex offenders.

We want the public to feel confident that we have the right measures in place for offenders to keep everyone safe. We also have to balance public concern with the offender's right to live legally within the community as the Courts/Parole Board have directed.

Your local advisers will:

- be available to discuss your concerns or questions during any community notification process
- talk to interested groups generally about the work we do to manage offenders safely and effectively

- support communities other agencies and Corrections staff, involved in managing offenders and safeguarding the community.

Community Notification

Corrections notifies communities in many cases when person who has offended against children is released from prison. The breadth of that notification is determined based on the circumstances of each case.

Notifying communities gives everyone an opportunity to reinforce safety messages and take common sense precautions to keep safe.

We believe an informed community will be better able to understand how to support reintegration efforts and take steps to keep everyone safe.

The stronger the support network for an offender returning to the community, the less likely they are to re-offend.

Let's talk

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