



For a Better Ontario. Leadership Matters.

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**To: Protect Kids**  
**From: Ontario PC Party**  
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A strong future for Ontario starts with its children. My plan, “For a Better Ontario – Leadership Matters,” details the Ontario PC Party’s commitment to improving the lives of our children.

Protecting our children is a priority. It takes leadership to develop an Ontario where our children will be proud to live. Unfortunately, leadership is something Ontario has lacked under Dalton McGuinty’s government.

In a safe community, people have confidence that the justice system is on guard for them and their families. They know that police have the resources they need to do the job, that criminals will be punished, and that victims will get support and help.

Victims’ Crisis and Referral Services have been starved of necessary resources by Dalton McGuinty’s government. While there is a demonstrated need for expanding its capacity, VCARS are still funded by the McGuinty government at the same level as in 1990. Statistics that show a doubling of the victims served by VCARS programs from 2001 to 2006, and it is appalling that the McGuinty government neglected to provide resources to keep up with expanding demand. Under a John Tory PC Government, provincial support for VCARS will be doubled to provide for long-term sustainability and expansion of these necessary services.

The Ombudsman’s investigation into the treatment of victims by the government’s Criminal Injuries Compensation Board is a shocking indictment of Dalton McGuinty’s policies.

The resulting report, *Adding Insult to Injury*, revealed that while \$80 million sat in the Victims’ Justice Fund, Dalton McGuinty’s government was contravening the law by interfering and delaying payments to victims. The “colossal failure” of the government described by the Ombudsman is simply shameful and reflects an attitude toward vulnerable people that will not be tolerated under John Tory’s leadership. Our principle of *One Law for All* means that everyone deserves protection under the law – no one is above the law, no one is below the law and no one is to be considered ‘beyond’ the law. Victims of crime must



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not be beyond the mercy of the justice system and with John Tory as Premier, support for victims will no longer be ignored.

We also need to teach children about Internet safety. We must inform children of the power of the internet, while ensuring that they are taught about the risks of on-line predators and loss of privacy that can arise from the improper use of social networking sites.

Punishment for crimes that involve children needs to be strengthened. A Progressive Conservative government will expand the availability of electronic surveillance bracelets in Ontario to include high risk offenders, sexual predators and domestic abusers.

We need to give the people who keep our streets safe the most up to date tools possible to keep dangerous offenders under control and away from potential victims. If a sexual predator is ordered to stay away from schools, John Tory wants the police to know the minute that condition is breached.

Right now, Ontario uses electronic surveillance bracelets on a limited basis, generally restricted to non-violent offenders. A John Tory government will expand the availability of this technology to keep track of high risk individuals.

A Progressive Conservative government will immediately invest \$6 million to establish the infrastructure for the first 500 electronic surveillance units and will expand their availability for use at a judge's discretion with:

- Individuals charged with serious crimes and free on bail;
- High risk offenders who have been charged with or convicted of homicide, gun crimes, sexual assault and are out on parole; and
- Domestic abusers.

We will also double the resources of the provincial Repeat Offenders Parole Enforcement squad, so that this specialized team can expand its reach and bring more people who are unlawfully at large back into the confines of the correctional system. A PC government will keep more dangerous offenders behind bars by using a special team of prosecutors to navigate the complex process of getting a dangerous-offender order in place, and we will provide more prosecution resources by hiring 50 new Crown Attorneys.

The time for excuses is over. It's time for action. It's time to work for a safer Ontario, and deliver safer communities for our children across our province.

Our Platform is entitled; "For a Better Ontario – Leadership Matters," and it is available on-line at [www.ontariopc.com](http://www.ontariopc.com). I encourage you to visit the site and review the platform in greater detail than we can provide here in this forum.