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Russian Official Proposes Protecting Children With Giant Fences

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Russian children's rights ombudsman Pavel Astakhov.

Russia's ombudsman for children's rights Pavel Astakhov has proposed enclosing kindergartens, schools and daycare centers with high solid fences in order to protect children from the gazes of potential abusers.

“There can never be too many security measures,” Astakhov told state-run Rossiya television on Wednesday. “We believe they must be fortified — nontransparent fences should be placed around children's institutions.”

The idea to surround children by opaque fences, impenetrable to the eye, was prompted by a series of complaints about strangers watching children in schoolyards or playgrounds, Astakhov was quoted by Interfax as saying.

The proposal also comes on the heels of an alleged kidnapping case in the Ural Mountains city

of Chelyabinsk this week.

Police detained a man on Tuesday on suspicion of having abducted an 9-year-old boy from an orphanage the previous weekend, and have rescued the boy, the Investigative Committee said in a statement.

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