



# Iowa Sex Offender Registry Registration Information



## Goals of the Iowa Sex Offender Registry:

- Citizen/Public Protection
- Deterrence of Offenders for Committing Similar Crimes
- Investigative Tool for Law Enforcement

## Who Has to Register:

On or after July 1, 1995, an individual who has been convicted or adjudicated of a criminal offense against a minor, sexual exploitation, or a sexually violent crime or who was on probation, parole, or work release status, or who was incarcerated on or after July 1, 1995 is required to register. Registration includes individuals that have received a deferred sentence or deferred judgments and can include convictions from other jurisdictions such as other states and/or federal convictions.

## Public Access to Registry Information:

The general public can access the Iowa Sex Offender Registry by contacting any of the county sheriff offices or police departments within the state of Iowa. The following is required by the Iowa Sex Offender Registry to request information:

- Completion of a "Request for Registry Information" form (DCI-150) which is available at the county sheriff's office or local police department.
- The individual's name that you wish to inquire upon;
- AND ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIERS
  - Date of Birth
  - Social Security Number
  - Address

When inquiry is made you will be notified whether or not the individual is registered. If the individual is registered with the Iowa Sex Offender Registry as of the date and time of the inquiry, you will receive a computer printout indicating that information. The printout will include the individual's name, address and physical descriptors including scars, marks and tattoos. The printout will not disclose information about the crime or the victim(s).

The name and identifier(s) of the individual you have requested information upon must match with the information contained in the database before Registry information can be released.

Iowa law DOES NOT allow for the release of an entire listing of registrants in your county, city, or neighborhood. A form must be completed for each person that you wish to inquire upon. There is no limit to the number of inquiries you can request and there is no charge to obtain this information.

The purpose of the information you receive from an inquiry is to permit you to protect yourself and other family members from potential harm.

**Actions taken by you against an individual including vandalism of property, verbal or written threats of harm or physical assault against this person, his or her family, or employer can result in your arrest and prosecution.**

### **"At Risk" File At Sheriff's Office and Police Departments:**

Names of individuals that have been assessed to be "At-Risk" to the community shall be available after an "Affirmative Public Notification" has been made. This information shall be available at a county sheriff's office or police department within the county the registrant resides. The requester needs to request to see the "At-Risk" list. No specific name is required and the requester is entitled to see the entire "At-Risk" list maintained by that county/jurisdiction. The "At-Risk" list will include only names of those residing in a specific county.

### **Reasons for Making an Inquiry:**

Protection for yourself and your family members is one of the main objectives of the Iowa sex offender registration law. Knowledge that an individual is registered can help you to take preventative measures to safe-guard your family. Some common reasons for making such an inquiry include:

- Planning for childcare;
- Employee background information;
- Individual's residing in your community.

### **Time Period That an Individual Is Required to Register:**

An individual required by law to register with the Iowa Sex Offender Registry must do so for a period of 10 (ten) years. The 10-year time period will recommence upon probation/parole revocations. Upon subsequent sex-related convictions, the registrant's registration period changes to lifetime or if a registrant is convicted of an "aggravated offense" he/she must register for life.

### **Requirements of Registrants:**

An individual required by law to register with the Iowa Sex Offender Registry must report any change of address or telephone number within 5 days of the change for the entire registration period. When moving within the same county, the current county sheriff must be notified. When moving to a different county within the state of Iowa, the registrant must report a change of residence to both the sheriff of the county in which the residence has been established and to the sheriff of the county in which they were registered. Reporting a change of residence, name, or telephone number is also required when an individual moves out of the state of Iowa. Also, the individual must respond within 10 (ten) days of receipt of a verification of address form that is mailed to them by the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Failure to comply with the registration laws can result in additional criminal charges against the registrant.

### **Penalties for Failure of Registrant to Comply:**

A willful failure to register as required by the Code of Iowa, Chapter 692A.7 is an aggravated misdemeanor (not to exceed 2 years imprisonment) for the first offense and a Class "D" felony (not to exceed 5 years imprisonment) for a second or subsequent offense. A person who willfully fails to register and commits a criminal offense against a minor, sexual exploitation or a sexually violent offense commits a Class "C" felony (not to exceed 10 years imprisonment). Failure to register can also result in an automatic revocation of probation, parole, or work release. The Iowa Sex Offender Registry is intended to serve as a deterrent and to protect the citizens of Iowa. Contact your local law enforcement officials immediately if you believe that a crime is or may be committed.

**For additional information:** Iowa Sex Offender Registry, Division of Criminal Investigation, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9<sup>th</sup>, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, Phone 515-281-4976, FAX 515-281-4898, <http://www.iowasexoffender.com>, E-mail: [sor@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:sor@dps.state.ia.us)