

## **REGISTRATION AND RESTRICTIONS OF SEX OFFENDERS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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### **What is a registered sex offender?**

Sex offenders are juveniles or adults who have committed a Class A, Class B, Class C felony or some gross misdemeanors are required to register for life, fifteen years, and ten years, respectively.

### **Do offenders have restrictions on where they can live?**

It depends on whether the offender is under supervision by the Department of Corrections/Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration. If offenders are **under supervision** they have certain limitations or restrictions placed on them by the Department of Corrections or the sentencing court upon their release from incarceration. These may include: residency restrictions, not being around children, having a curfew, or not drinking alcohol or taking drugs. If they are found to be in violation of their restrictions, they may be sent back to jail or to prison. Offenders who have completed their time under supervision can live where they choose without restrictions.

### **What do I do if I see the offender doing something I think is suspicious?**

Call local law enforcement or the sheriff's office and report it. You could also choose to share this your concerns with a local school resource officer. It is best to let law enforcement handle the situation rather than taking it into your own hands. If you know an offender's specific restrictions and you witness a violation, call 911 or call the community corrections officer at the Department of Corrections.

### **How do sex offenders' register? Where do sex offenders' register?**

How and when a sex offender registers is covered in the laws: (RCW 9A.44.130), (RCW 9A.44.135), and (RCW 9A.44.140). You can refer to the website resource table page for a link to the laws.

# LIST OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES ON LAWS AND INFORMATION SOURCES REGARDING SEX OFFENDERS

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Where can I find more information?

## STATE

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- Official State Government Website <http://access.wa.gov/>
- Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs:  
<HTTP://WWW.WCSAP.ORG/HELP.HTM>
- Washington Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.wa.gov/>
  - Offender Transition: <http://www.doc.wa.gov/cpu/>
- Washington Juvenile Rehabilitation Association (JRA):  
<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/jra/>
  - Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment:  
<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/jra/SOTreatment.shtml>
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs:  
<http://www.waspc.org/index.php>
  - WASPC's Sex Offender Information Center: <http://ml.waspc.org/>
- Health Profession Quality Assurance (can be used to check if licensed practitioner has had license suspended or revoked due to sex offense):  
[https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/Application/Credential\\_Search/profile.asp](https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/Application/Credential_Search/profile.asp)

## LOCAL

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- King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC):  
<http://www.kcsarc.org/>
  - KSARC's Education And Prevention Department 425.226.5062
  - KCSARC's 24-Hour Sexual Assault Resource Line 1.888.99.VOICE
  - General Sex Offender Information:  
[http://www.kcsarc.org/sex\\_offenders\\_safety.htm](http://www.kcsarc.org/sex_offenders_safety.htm)
- King County Sheriff's Office <http://www.metrokc.gov/sheriff/>

- Seattle Police Department's Sex Offender Website  
<http://www.seattle.gov/police>

## **FEDERAL**

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- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):  
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa>
- Center for Sex Offender Management: <http://www.csom.org/>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Training for School Staff on Juvenile Sex and Kidnapping Offenders:  
Legislative Report – House Bill 2101:  
<http://www.k12.wa.us/InstitutionalEd/pubdocs/FinalTaskForceReportHB2101.pdf>
- Notification to Schools of Registered Juvenile Sex or Kidnapping  
Offenders: Legislative Report – Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6580:  
<http://www.k12.wa.us/InstitutionalEd/pubdocs/FinalTaskForceReportHB2101.pdf>

## **LEGISLATION**

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- Senate Bill 6580:  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6580&year=2005>
- House Bill 2101:  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2101&year=2005>