

Notice of Sex / Kidnapping Offender Registration Requirements

The law, RCW 9A.44.130, requires sex/kidnapping offenders to register with the county sheriff. This requirement applies to anyone living in Washington State who has been convicted of or found to have committed a sex/kidnapping offense. This requirement applies to both adult and juvenile offenders and to persons found to have committed a sex/kidnapping offense who are acquitted by reason of insanity under Chapter 10.77 RCW, Criminally Insane.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW: Persons required to register must go in person to the sheriff's office in the county where they reside and provide the following information:

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| * Name | * Place of employment | * Date and place of conviction | * Social Security Number |
| * Address | * Crime for which convicted | * Alias(es) | * Date/place of birth |

NOTE: The county sheriff will photograph and fingerprint persons registered and send this information to the state patrol.

- * Persons released or discharged from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Department of Corrections (DOC), Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board (ISRB), federal or military custody with a registration requirement must register with the county sheriff where they reside within three business days of the time of release.
- * Sex/kidnapping offenders who move/return to Washington State, who are not under the jurisdiction of DOC, the ISRB, or DSHS at the time of the move, must register with the county sheriff where they reside within three business days of establishing residence.
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- * If a person required to register moves to a new address:

Within the same county - A written notice must be sent by certified mail, with return receipt requested or in person of the change of address to the county sheriff within three business days of moving.

In a different county - The person must register with that county sheriff within three business days of moving. Within three business days the person must also provide, by certified mail, with return receipt requested or in person, signed written notice of the change of address in the new county to the county sheriff with whom the person last registered.

PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER: A person may be guilty of a Class C felony if they knowingly fail to comply with any of the requirements. If the crime for which convicted or found to have committed was a felony or a federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that would be a felony in Washington. If a person has been convicted in this state of a felony failure to register as a sex offender on two or more prior occasions, the failure to register under this subsection is a class B felony. If the crime was less than felony, failure to register is a gross misdemeanor.

LENGTH OF REGISTRATION: The length of registration depends upon the sex/kidnapping offense for which convicted or found to have committed (check one of the following):

- Your offense was a **Class A felony** and/or you have one or more prior convictions for a sex offense or kidnapping offense. You are required to register for **life** unless relieved of the duty to register.
- Your offense was a **Class B felony** and you do not have one or more prior convictions for a sex offense or kidnapping offense. You are required to register for **15 consecutive years** without being convicted of any new offenses following release from confinement, unless relieved of the duty to register.
- Your offense was a **Class C felony or registerable Gross Misdemeanor** and you do not have one or more prior convictions for a sex offense or kidnapping offense. You are required to register for **10 consecutive years** without being convicted of any new offenses following release from confinement, unless relieved of the duty to register.

Please see back of this form for information regarding relief of duty to register.

Registration Requirements

A sex offender subject to registration requirements who applies to change his or her name shall submit a copy of the application to the county sheriff of the county of the person's residence not fewer than five (5) days before the entry of an order granting the name change. A sex offender who receives an order changing his or her name shall submit a copy of the order to the county sheriff of the county of the person's residence and to the state patrol within three business days.

You must pre-register with the Department of Social and Health Services prior to your release.

Any adult or juvenile sex/kidnapping offender who is admitted to a public / private school or institution of higher education shall, within three business days prior to arriving at the institution, notify the sheriff for the county of the person's residence of the person's intent to attend the school or institution. If enrollment is terminated from the school or institution the county sheriff must be notified within three business days.

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Registration Requirements (continued)

Any adult or juvenile who is planning on working at a school or institution of higher education shall, within three business days prior to arriving at the school for employment, notify the sheriff for the county of the person's residence of the person's intent to work at the school or institution. If employment is terminated, the county sheriff must be notified within three business days.

Any person who lacks a "fixed residence," as defined by RCW 9A.44.128 must report in person to the sheriff of the county where he or she is registered within three business days. Any person lacking a fixed residence must report in person to the county sheriff's office on a weekly basis. The weekly report will be on a day specified by the county sheriff's office and shall occur during normal business hours. Any person who lacks a fixed residence must keep an accurate accounting of where he or she stays during the week and provide it to the county sheriff upon request. The lack of a fixed residence shall make a person subject to disclosure to the public at large.

Any person who lacks a fixed residence, and leaves the county in which he or she is registered and enters and remains within a new county for 24 hours, must register with the county sheriff not more than three business days after entering the county.

Any person under supervision who lacks a fixed residence must register in the county of their supervision.

Relief of duty to register:

A person having a duty to register may petition the superior court to be relieved of that duty.

The petition shall be made to the court in which the person was convicted of the offense that subjects him or her to the duty to register. In the case of convictions in other states, a foreign county, or a federal or military court, a person shall petition where the person is registered at the time the petition is sought.

The prosecuting attorney of the county shall be named and served as the respondent in any such petition.

The following factors are provided as guidance to assist the court in making its determination:

- The nature of the registerable offense committed including the number of victims and the length of the offense history; any subsequent criminal history;
- The petitioner's compliance with supervision requirements;
- The length of time since the charged incident (s) occurred;
- Any input from community corrections officers, law enforcement, or treatment providers;
- Participation in sex offender treatment;
- Participation in other treatment and rehabilitative programs;
- The offender's stability in employment and housing;
- The offender's community and personal support system;
- Any risk assessments or evaluations prepared by a qualified professional;
- Any updated polygraphs examination;
- Any input of the victim;

The court may consider other factors when deciding whether or not there is clear and convincing evidence that you may be relieved of the requirement to register.

You may want to have an attorney help you with this petition.

Verification of address:

Once each year the County Sheriff will send by certified mail a verification form of the offender's address. The offender must sign and return the verification form within 10 days to the County Sheriff.

I have read or have had read to me this Notice of Sex/Kidnapping Offender Registration Requirements and the foregoing conditions and requirements. Each of these conditions/requirements has been explained to me and I hereby agree to comply with them.

CLIENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)		CLIENT'S SIGNATURE		DATE
DSHS ID NUMBER	BIRTH DATE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	COUNTY OF RELEASE	RELEASE DATE
WITNESS' NAME (PLEASE PRINT)		WITNESS' SIGNATURE		DATE

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