



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FAQ'S

Q: How do we contact the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry?

- Website address: <http://doc.wi.gov>
- Phone: (877)234-0085 or (608)240-5830
- Email: docsafetips@doc.state.wi.us also found on the lower portion of the website Welcome page

Select the "Find a Sex Offender" option on the left-hand side of the website. It will guide you through a series of option, including how you find any particular adult registrant.

Q: Who is required to register and for how long?

There are 6 statutes of 31 state statutes that are mandated lifetime registration: 1st & 2nd Degree Sexual Assault; 1st & 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of Child; Repeated Acts of Sexual Assault of Child and Sexually Violent person. The rest are required to register while on supervision plus 15 years from the end date of their supervision.

Q: Who determines whether a sex offender is a Level 1, 2 or 3 community notification and what criteria are used?

Law enforcement makes the final decision on the level of notification. This decision is made after meeting with sex offender registry specialists, probation/ parole agents and any other key people involved in the release. The criteria considered includes: risk to the community, needs of the victim(s), needs of the community and the rehabilitative needs of the registrant. This is not all inclusive, but they are some of the key components.

- What do the levels mean?
- Level 1: Police District notification- law enforcement is aware of the registrant, this is done to protect the victim(s).
- Level 2: Targeted Notification- if the registrant targets of specific types of victims, the notification may just go to the schools, daycares, senior centers etc.
- Level 3: Widespread Community Notification: Options utilized might include releasing informational flyers to the community, TV/media notices, or holding a Community Notification Meeting.

Q: Why are you telling me about this registrant and not all others on probation or being released from prison?

- On the Sex Offender Registry Website, you are able to have access on all registrants convicted as adults. However, special notice is given by law enforcement to certain registrants. This is based on current and/ or prior convictions of sexual assault. A meeting is held with law enforcement when these registrants are being released from prison to discuss the details. As previously noted, law enforcement will decide how that information is released to the public at the time of the registrants release.

Q: If this registrant requires notification by law enforcement, why is he/she being released back into the community?

- Either their sentence has expired or their risk to the community has been sufficiently reduced.

Q: Are there juvenile registrants?

- Yes, that information, however, is not released to the public unless law enforcement determines otherwise.

Q: Why is the registrant living near a park, school, day care center, bus stop etc?

- By design , parks, schools and day care centers are located conveniently throughout every community in the state. One of the goals of the Department of Corrections is a successful re-integration of the registrant back into the community. Studies show that community safety, family support, employment and a stable residence are some of the most important factors in deciding on a residence to live at. A residence plan that addresses these factors can help foster positive change in the registrant. Therefore, the residence the registrant may be residing in may be the most appropriate at the time.

Q: Should citizens follow or watch the registrant at all times?

- No, it is against the law to misuse the information from the Sex Offender Registry for personal, unlawful or vigilante purposes. Harassment by citizens is dangerous and could be detrimental to the successful re-integration of the registrant, however, awareness is important. We would like to keep the law and feel that the ability to let you know their current address is important. If harassment occurs, this could lead to a loss of the law. If you see anything out of the ordinary or questionable, contact the police department or the Sex Offender Registry.

Q: What happens when the registrant is off Probation/ Parole?

- The registrant is a free citizen and has the same rights as you or I do. However, he/ she must continue to comply with all applicable sex offender registration requirements which means they have 10 days to report changes in the following: residence, internet identifiers, employment, volunteer and school information. They must provide correct and verifiable information directly to the Sex Offender Registry.

Q: When on the website, under Custody/ Supervision status what does active community supervision, terminated, under DHS supervision and incarcerated mean?

- **Active Supervision**: The registrant is on probation, parole or extended supervision with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The Agent's contact information can be found on the registrant's page on the website. The registrant is held accountable for the rules of supervision as deemed by the DOC.
- **Terminated/ Off DCC Supervision**: The registrant is not on any supervision with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, therefore not held to rules of supervision any longer. Any issue with terminated registrants can be reported to the Sex Offender Registry or the police department.
- **Under DHS Supervision**: The registrant is supervised by the Department of Health Services.
- **Incarcerated**: The registrant is confined in a Wisconsin State Prison.

Q: Are there other laws sex offenders must follow?

Yes, they are as follows:

- 948.13; Sex Offender working with children: Certain child sex offenders are not allowed to work , volunteer or supervise primarily and directly with children under the age of 16.
- 948.14; Sex Offender may not photograph any minor child without written consent of the minor's parent or guardian
- 301.47; Sex Offender may not change their name or identify themselves by a different name
- 301.475; Sex Offenders must notify schools if they plan to be present on school property for a school authorized function. They should inform the school administrator or designee.

Any violations of these laws can be a new felony charge.

Q: What should parents tell their children about sex offenders?

- We term this *Protective Behaviors*. Avoid scary details, just tell children this person has hurt someone before and the child should stay away from this individual.
 - o Don't accept a ride from the registrant
 - o Don't go into the yard or home of the registrant
 - o Tell your parents if this person offers you toys, money or gifts
 - o Try to use the buddy system when children play outdoors
 - o If you're lost in a store find someone with a store ID or badge.
 - o It's ok to call 911 if your parents or a trusted adult isn't home and he approaches you
 - o Put safeguards on the computer/ internet use
- Talk with your children on a daily basis, be involved in their lives. Keeping that communication going is key. It lets them know there isn't anything so bad they can't talk about it with someone they trust.

What can you do to assist the Sex Offender Registry (SORP)?

- If you notice anything out of the ordinary, you can utilize any of the previously listed contacts to provide information, contact your local law enforcement or Block Watch captain and request they send the information to WI SORP and it will be followed up on. If you would like to give us your name and number that is great, but if you want to remain anonymous that is completely okay to do as well.

Things to remember:

Remember, to always be aware of your surroundings. Keep your lines of communication open with your family, friends and neighbors. Almost 90% of all sex crimes are committed by someone known to the victim; family members or acquaintances commit many of those incidents. You know who the people are on the Sex Offender Registry, but also be aware of those who aren't. Many assaults go unreported, or so not result in charges or convictions. Also, just because a sex offender has relocated does not mean he/ she gave up friendships and business relations in the former community. Citizens should follow safety measures at all times, not just when a registrant moves into the community.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



FOR INFORMATION CALL

November 18, 2015

Ald. Terry L. Witkowski
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County walks back promise to keep sex offenders out of residential facility

Alderman Terry L. Witkowski will host a news conference this afternoon to raise his objections to the planned placement of convicted sex offenders in a new Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) that could open in the 13th Aldermanic District as early as Friday (November 20).

Alderman Witkowski said the placements are being made despite earlier assurances from Milwaukee County's contractor, Matt Talbot Lodge (Matt Talbot Recovery Services, Inc.) and its owner Carl Rajani. "They said there would be no sex offenders, but now they're going back on those assurances," the alderman said.

As recently as last week, facility owner Rajani met with neighbors and said (and confirmed in an email) that no sex offenders would be housed there, Alderman Witkowski said.

"It's outrageous and unacceptable for any sex offenders to be placed in this facility, located in a quiet and healthy residential neighborhood," Alderman Witkowski said, noting the facility could open Friday if it passes a state inspection scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, November 19.

Alderman Witkowski said county officials never met with him or the neighbors to discuss the facility. "They (county officials) have been deceitful from the beginning by not telling the public that they would be forcing this facility on the neighborhood," he said. "And now they are making political statements, backtracking, in an attempt to make themselves look good."

Alderman Witkowski and area elected officials will speak during today's news conference at 4:30 p.m. in front of 429 W. Uncas Ave.

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Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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Supervisors Haas, Weishan Blast County Executive Chris Abele Over Sex Offender Placement
They Received Little Notice of County Decision of "Inappropriate Placement"

Milwaukee County Supervisors Jason Haas and John F. Weishan, Jr., today blasted County Executive Chris Abele and Health and Human Services Director Hector Colon for placing sex offenders in a community home on Milwaukee's south side, and they demanded that Abele take action to prevent the placement.

The community home is located at 429 W. Uncas Ave., and two sex offenders could move in as early as Friday, Weishan said.

"Over the past several years I have cautioned the community and elected officials about the potential of inappropriate placements of those patients with difficult histories in our neighborhoods," said Weishan, a member of the County Board's Health and Human Needs Committee. "Now we find out with only a few days' notice that convicted sex offenders will be moving into a community home on the south side.

"Under Chris Abele, Milwaukee County has moved toward privatization of the mental health system. As this trend for privatization looms over Milwaukee, it is opening up room for 'done-in-the-dark' deals which put our community in jeopardy. The decision to locate these two convicted sex offenders in a quiet neighborhood is outrageous, but Colon has defended this placement. Perhaps that is why Abele gave Colon a unilateral \$50,000 raise – so he could face residents, community officials and the media while Abele hides in his office.

"But the only person with the power to change this placement is Abele. He runs the mental health system in Milwaukee County."

Haas said he and his constituents were assured that no sex offenders would be placed in the rehabilitation center when it was announced seven months ago.

"Yet just a few days ago, we learned that sex offenders would be housed in the heart of this quiet residential neighborhood," Haas said. "The public was kept in the dark throughout this entire process, and my constituents were lied to. Abele is solely responsible for what is happening and he must be held accountable by the public for his decisions and utter lack of transparency."

Haas and Weishan called on Abele to halt all sex offender placements in all neighborhoods.

"Our neighborhoods are what make Milwaukee County special," Haas said. "This ill-considered placement puts our children and our neighborhoods at risk, and our constituents have a right to be angry over this decision by Abele. He must stop this placement and allow neighborhoods to remain safe, secure and quiet."

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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Criminal Codes Requiring Registration

Any person convicted of, adjudicated or committed for a violation, solicitation, conspiracy or attempt to commit a violation of any of the following crimes since December 25, 1993, and those whose conviction in another state/jurisdiction that is comparable, who is in prison, a secured correctional facility, a secured child caring institution, in institutional care, on probation, parole, aftercare supervision, corrective sanctions supervision, conditional transfer or conditional release, shall be required to register:

MANDATORY REGISTRATION

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| 940.22(2) | Sexual Exploitation by Therapist |
| 940.225(1) | First-Degree Sexual Assault** |
| 940.225(2) | Second-Degree Sexual Assault** |
| 940.225(3) | Third-Degree Sexual Assault |
| 940.30 | False Imprisonment (victim was minor and not the offender's child) |
| 940.302(2) | Human Trafficking (if 940.302(2)(a)1b applies) |
| 940.31 | Kidnapping (victim was minor and not the offender's child) |
| 944.01 | Rape (old statute) |
| 944.06 | Incest |
| 944.10 | Sexual Intercourse with a Child (old statute) |
| 944.11 | Indecent Behavior with a Child (old statute) |
| 944.12 | Enticing Child for Immoral Purposes (old statute) |
| 948.02(1) | First-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child** |
| 948.02(2) | Second-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child** |
| 948.025 | Repeated Acts of Sexual Assault of a Child** |
| 948.05 | Sexual Exploitation of a Child |
| 948.051 | Trafficking of Child |
| 948.055 | Forced Viewing of Sexual Activity |
| 948.06 | Incest with a Child |
| 948.07(1) thru (4) | Child Enticement |
| 948.075 | Use of a Computer to Facilitate a Child Sex Crime |
| 948.08 | Soliciting a Child for Prostitution |
| 948.085 | Sexual Assault of a Child Placed in Substitute Care |
| 948.095 | Sexual Assault of a Student by School Staff |
| 948.11(2)(a) or (am) | Exposing Child to Harmful Material-FELONY SECTIONS |
| 948.12 | Possession of Child Pornography |
| 948.13 | Convicted Child Sex Offender Working with Children |
| 948.30 | Abduction of Another's Child |
| 971.17 | Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease-of a listed sex offense |
| 975.06 | Sex Crimes Law Commitment |
| 980.01 | Sexually Violent Person Commitment** |

DISCRETIONARY REGISTRATION - COURT ORDERED

The Court may require a person to register if the court determines that the underlying conduct was sexually motivated and in the best interest of public safety.

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| Chapter 940 | Crimes against Life and Bodily Security |
| Chapter 944 | Crimes against Sexual Morality |
| Chapter 948 | Crimes against Children |
| ss. 971.17 | Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease |
| ss. 943.01 to 943.15 | Certain Crimes against Property |
| 942.08 | Invasion of Privacy (aka Peeping Tom) |

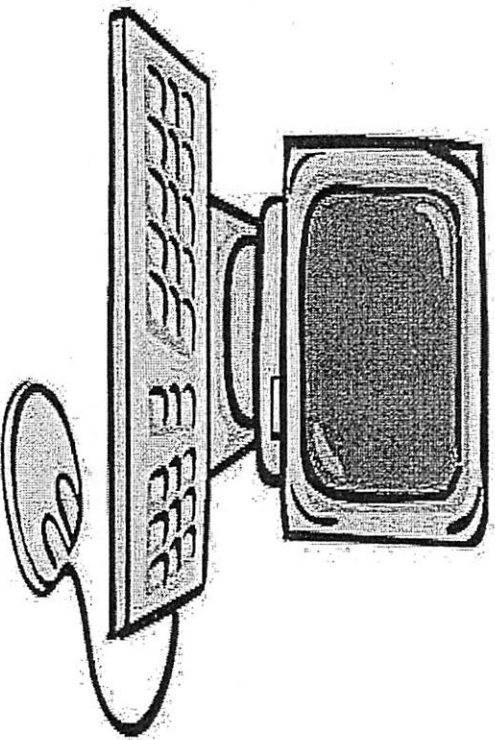
** Lifetime registration - law effective 5/9/00. Lifetime registration also includes 2 or more separate court cases of above-listed crimes

WI Sex Offender Registry Access

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WI SORP Phone: (877)234-0085 or (608)240-5830

National Sex offender Registry: www.nsopr.gov



What is the difference between 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th degree sexual assaults?

1st degree sexual assault includes sexual contact or intercourse with another person without consent of that person and causes pregnancy or great bodily harm to that person. It also includes sexual contact or intercourse with another person without consent of that person by use or threat of use of a dangerous weapon or article. This is a class B felony.

2nd degree sexual assault includes sexual contact or intercourse with another person without consent of that person by use or threat of force or violence or causes injury, illness, disease or impairment of a sexual organ and/or mental anguish requiring psychiatric care. This is a class C felony.

3rd degree sexual assault includes sexual intercourse with a person without consent of that person. This is a class G felony.

4th degree sexual assault includes sexual contact with a person without the consent of that person. This is a class A misdemeanor.

1st degree sexual assault of a child includes sexual contact or intercourse with a person who has not attained the age of 13 years. This is a class B felony.

2nd degree sexual assault of a child includes sexual contact or intercourse with a person who has not attained the age of 16 years. This is a class C felony.

MYTHS & FACTS ABOUT SEX OFFENDERS

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MYTH 1:

❑ MOST SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE COMMITTED BY STRANGERS

FACT 1:

❑ 93% OF VICTIMS WERE KNOWN TO THE OFFENDERS
❑ 93% OF OFFENDERS HAD NO PRIOR ARRESTS FOR A SEX CRIME

MYTH 2:

❑ SEX OFFENDERS SEEK OUT AND MAKE CONTACT WITH POTENTIAL VICTIMS IN PLACES WHERE CHILDREN CONGREGATE

FACT 2:

❑ A 2007 STUDY BY THE MINNESOTA DOC OF 224 OFFENDERS FOUND THAT NONE OF THE PERPETRATORS HAD THEIR FIRST CONTACT WITH A CHILD IN ONE OF THOSE SETTINGS

❑ MYTH 3:

❑ TREATMENT IS A WASTE OF MONEY ON SEX OFFENDERS

FACT 3:

❑ NUMEROUS STUDIES AND META-ANALYSIS HAVE SHOWN SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN RECIDIVISM FOR OFFENDERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT

MYTH 4:

❑ SEX OFFENDERS HAVE A 94% RECIDIVISM RATE- THEY NEVER CHANGE

FACT 4:

❑ MOST SEX OFFENDERS HAVE LOW SEX CRIME RECIDIVISM RATES
❑ RECIDIVISM RATES VARY BY THE TYPE OF SEXUAL OFFENSE
❑ THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 5.3% WITHIN THREE YEARS OF RELEASE