

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN WASHINGTON STATE

This document was created to inform members of the public of basic information on registered sex offenders. It covers some frequently asked questions and provides resources for additional information. None of the information contained in this document should be considered legal advice.

What is a registered sex offender?

Sex offenders are individuals who have committed a sex offense as defined in RCW 9A.44.128 and 9.94A.030 and are required to register as a sex offender. Washington state sex offender laws apply to juvenile as well as adult sex offenders.

What do the levels mean?

Sex offender levels are determined by taking into account several factors about the offender and the nature of his or her crime in order to determine possible risks to the community at large. Adult and juvenile offenders are:

- Required to register with law enforcement when released to the community
- Assigned risk level classification for purposes of community notification by law enforcement
- Juvenile offenders are prohibited from enrolling in the same school as their victim or victim's siblings

Offenders are classified as **level I offenders** if his/her risk assessment and other factors indicate s/he is a low risk to sexually reoffend within the community at large.

Level I offenders *are not* published on the Washington State Sex Offender Registry. However, out of compliance and transient level I offenders *are* published. For specific information on a level I offender contact local law enforcement. Please note: roughly 70% of registered sex offenders in Washington are Level I offenders, and are not published.

Offenders are classified as **level II offenders** if his/her risk assessment and other factors indicate s/he is a moderate risk to sexually reoffend within the community at large. Level II offenders *are* published on the Washington State Sex offender Website.

Offenders are classified as **level III offenders** if his/her risk assessment and other factors indicate s/he is a high risk to sexually reoffend within the community at large. Level III offenders *are* published on the Washington State Sex offender Website.

Do offenders have restrictions on where they can live?

It depends on whether the offender is under supervision by the Department of Corrections or Department of Social and Health Services—Rehabilitation Administration. If offenders are **under supervision** they *may* have certain limitations or restrictions placed on them by the Department of Corrections or the sentencing court upon their release from incarceration. Some communities may have local ordinances relative to sex offender housing. Contact local law enforcement with specific questions regarding an offender.

What if an offender is doing something suspicious?

Contact local law enforcement to report the suspicious behavior. It is best to let law enforcement handle the situation rather than taking it into your own hands. You may send information on specific offenders directly to law enforcement by clicking the “submit a tip or correction for this offender” button in the Washington State Public Sex Offender Website.

Where to find additional information:

- Contact your local law enforcement agency
- Washington State Sex Offender Public Site: www.wasor.org (see back page for more info)
- Safety tips and things to know: http://sheriffalerts.com/cap_safety_1.php?office=54528
- Washington State Legislature: RCW lookup for Sex Offenses and Registration: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=9A.44>
Community Notification RCW: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=4.24.550>
- National Sex Offender Public Website <https://www.nsopw.gov/> (search for offenders)





Search for Offenders in your area

Offender Search

In your area | **Name** | **City** | **Non-compliant**

Use this search to view all published offenders within a specified radius of your home, business, school or other desired address. > [How searches work](#)

Address: *

City: *

State: **WA** ▼ *

Zip: *

Zip Plus:

Offender Address Type: Home Addresses

* Denotes required field

Use this to search for level II and III offenders in your area.

You can also search by: address, name, city and non-compliant status offenders.



Register for Email Alerts

Check Your Area

Address: * *Do not enter P.O. Box*

City: *

State: **--** ▼ *

Zip: *

Email: *

Confirm Email: *

By submitting this information, you indicate you have read our [NOTIFICATION CONTRACT](#).
[Please also view our Privacy Policy](#).

*Denotes required field

Use this to receive email notifications when level II and III offenders move near your registered address.



Safety Tips



Links



Contact

For more information please visit the website at www.wasor.org

