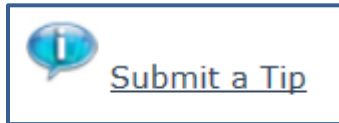


WHAT INFORMATION YOU WILL FIND?

Information made available on www.widocoffenders.org includes:

- ✓ Zip code and name searches
- ✓ Registrant name and any known aliases
- ✓ Registrant photograph and demographic information
- ✓ Conviction which requires registration
- ✓ Registrant address and map
- ✓ Whether the registrant is or is not in compliance as prescribed by law
- ✓ Who to contact for more information – Probation/Parole Office, Dept. of Health Services, or WI SORP
- ✓ You can submit a tip anonymously for the registrant.



HOW YOU MAY INQUIRE?

The Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry information is available on the Internet and via telephone (Spanish language assistance is available). These sources are designed to provide a means to directly access the Registry to find out whether a specific person is a registered sex offender.

There are different ways you can contact the Registry to obtain information:

- ✓ Public site: www.widocoffenders.org
- ✓ Victim's site: www.victimvoice.org
- ✓ Phone: (608) 240-5830
- ✓ Email: docbopadmin@wisconsin.gov
- ✓ Toll Free Automated Program:
(800) 398-2403
- ✓ SAFE TIP LINE: (877) 234-0085

The Sex Offender Registry also offers a Community Notification system on www.widocoffenders.org where you can sign up for automatic email notifications whenever a sex offender registers a home address that is near an address of interest to you. Notifications will be sent from SOR.alerts@wi.gov, so ensure that e-mails from this address are not blocked by your e-mail client.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW:

Registrant on School Premises: Per WI Statute 301.475, a person required to register as a sex offender can only enter a school premise if the school district administrator or designee or the governing body of the school has been notified of the specific date, time, and place of the visit and of the persons' status of a sex offender.

Name Change: Per WI Statute 301.47, a person may not change his or her name or identify themselves by another name while on the Sex Offender Registry.

Work or Volunteer with Children: Per WI Statute 948.13, registrants convicted of serious child sex offenses may not work or volunteer primarily and directly with children less than 16 years of age.

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WISCONSIN SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION

WHY A STATE REGISTRY FOR SEX OFFENDERS?

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Sex Offender Registry was created in June 1997 due to the enactment of Wisconsin Act 440 - Wisconsin Statutes 301.45 and 301.46. This law requires registration of individuals convicted of certain sexual offenses.

Furnishing the public with information about convicted sex offenders is a critical part of encouraging the public to develop constructive plans to prepare themselves and their families for a registrant's return to a community. Providing access to Registry information promotes public safety.

The belief that all sex offenders are "known criminals" or appear unusual or maladjusted is a common myth. People who commit sex offenses come from all socioeconomic classes, ethnicities, age groups, educational levels and occupations. Believing the myth that sex offenders can be recognized by how they look or by other visible characteristics can create a false sense of safety. Most sex offenders lead "average" or "normal" lives. Often, however, offenders hide behind this appearance, and can continue their abusive behaviors without being caught. Most reported sexual assaults (93%) are committed by someone the victim knows and trusts.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

People who are convicted of, adjudicated or committed for a violation, solicitation, conspiracy or attempt to commit a violation of any registrable offense on or after December 25, 1993 must register. This also includes people who have been in prison, on probation, parole, or extended supervision, or in a mental health facility for a registrable offense on or after December 25, 1993.

Additionally, the following sex offenders are required to register in Wisconsin if they live, work or attend school in state:

- ✓ Any sex offender who is required to register with another state/jurisdiction
- ✓ Any sex offender convicted in a military, tribal, or federal court
- ✓ Any sex offender who has been convicted in another state of an offense comparable to one of Wisconsin's registrable offenses
- ✓ Any juvenile who is on supervision and enters Wisconsin under the Interstate Compact Agreement **NOTE: although juveniles are required to register, juvenile information is not available to the public from the DOC.**

Some of these registrants may be under active community supervision (probation, or parole) and must follow additional rules of supervision. Those who have discharged from supervision are still required by law to keep their registration information up to date.

The Registry does not contain information on all convicted sex offenders or those individuals whose sexually violent behaviors have not come to the attention of the authorities. The information contained in the Registry is limited by the effective date of the law (12/25/1993). Please consider this limitation when obtaining information from the Registry.

WHAT IS A REGISTRANT REQUIRED TO REPORT?

- ✓ Residence
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Volunteer work
- ✓ Schooling
- ✓ Internet Identifiers

If the Registrant is on probation or parole, they are required to report a change of residence before the change occurs. If the Registrant is not on probation or parole, the changes must be reported within 10 days.

Failure to comply with the Sex Offender Registry is a Class H felony. Penalties include up to a \$10,000 fine, up to 6 years in prison or both.

It is not the intent of the Legislature that this information be used to injure, harass, or commit a criminal act against persons named in the Registry, their families, or employers. Anyone who takes any criminal action against these registrants, including vandalism of property, verbal or written threats of harm or physical assault against these registrants, their families or employers is subject to criminal prosecution

HOW LONG DOES AN OFFENDER REMAIN ON THE REGISTRY?

Sex offender registrant will appear on the registry while incarcerated, while on probation or parole, and after all extended supervision is completed. After discharge from supervision, many are required to register for an additional 15 years. However, the majority of individuals on the Registry are required to register for life. Please consult WI Statute 301.45 for detailed information.