



Some threats to the safety of our children and families are so severe as to require taking extraordinary steps to protect the innocent. Convicted sex offenders are one of those threats, and Arizona's sex offender notification laws exist to provide a means of safeguarding the public.

As the father of four children, I urge all parents to be aware of known threats to children in the community. That's why it is so important to use the information in this brochure so that you might better understand the level of the risk to your children, and to you, from sex offenders who may live in your neighborhood.

The law requires only the most serious sex offenders to register, so always be careful to watch your children even if you live in an otherwise safe neighborhood. My office is committed to prosecuting vigorously any convicted sex offenders who fail to register.

I hope you will join me in being vigilant in watching for threats to children in your neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Maricopa County Attorney

Local resources

**Phoenix Police Department
Sex Offender Notification**

620 W. Washington • Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 534-2121

**Glendale Police Department
Victim Assistance Program**

6835 N. 57th Drive • Glendale, AZ 85301
(623) 930-3030

**Peoria Police Department
Victim Assistance**

8343 W. Monroe Street • Peoria, AZ 85345
(623) 773-7019

**Mesa Police Department
Victim Assistance Program**

130 North Robson • Mesa, AZ 85201
(480) 644-4075

Scottsdale Police Department

9065 E. Via Linda • Scottsdale, AZ 85252
(480) 312-5100

Tempe Police Department

120 East Fifth Street • Tempe, AZ 85280
(480) 966-6211

**Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Victim Services Division**

301 West Jefferson • Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 506-8522

**Maricopa County Adult Probation Office
Sex Offender Unit**

245 N. Centennial Way • Mesa, AZ 85201
(602) 372-5300

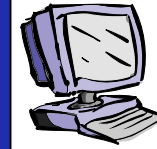
**Maricopa County Sheriff's Department
Sex Offender Notification Unit**

102 W. Madison • Phoenix, AZ 85003
Registration/Records (602) 876-1070
Switchboard (602) 876-1000

**Clerk of the Superior Court
Court Record Information**

Basement
201 West Jefferson • Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 506-3360

Sex Offender Notification for Neighborhoods & Communities



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Sex offender notification for neighborhoods and communities

The following is a brief summary of Arizona Revised Statutes 13-3821 through 13-3827:

A sex offender is a person who has been convicted of a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses, including but not limited to:

- Sexual Abuse if the victim is under the age of 18
- Sexual Conduct with a Minor
- Sexual Assault
- Molestation of a Child
- Child Prostitution
- Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

Before releasing the offender from confinement, the Arizona Department of Corrections in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Public Safety and each county sheriff may complete the registration of any convicted sex offender. After releasing a sex offender from incarceration, the Department of Corrections has three days to forward the convicted sex offender's records to the county sheriff's office and the state department of public safety. Upon conviction, sex offenders have 10 days to register with the county sheriff's office. The sheriff's office will then notify the local police department in the area where the sex offender intends to reside.

Guidelines

A committee comprised of adult probation officers, county attorneys, sheriffs, chiefs of police and legislators has implemented specific community notification guidelines. The guidelines provide for levels of notification based on the risk that a particular sex offender poses to the community. Level three poses a high risk to re-offend, level two an intermediate and level one a low risk. The notification requirements are as follows:

For level three offenders, the notification shall be made to the surrounding neighborhood, area

schools, appropriate community groups, and an offender's prospective employer. A flyer will include a photo of the offender, an exact address, as well as a summary of the offender's status and criminal background. A press release will be given to television and newspaper media. If a level three offender fails to register, a warrant is issued and the community is notified.

For level two offenders, the notification may be made to the immediate neighbors, schools, appropriate community groups and prospective employers. The notification may include a flyer with a photo, and address of the general area where the offender will be residing as well as a brief summary of the offender's status and criminal background. Notification may be made if the offender fails to register and a warrant is issued.

For level one offenders, the local law enforcement agency that is responsible for the notification shall maintain information about the offender. The local law enforcement agency may distribute this information to other law enforcement agencies and may give notification to the people with whom the offender resides. Notification may be made if the offender fails to register and a warrant is issued.

What you should know...

Sex Offenders are required to register if they were convicted of the following:

- any offense or attempted offense outlined on the previous page.
- any other offense where the Court specifically orders registration.

Juvenile sex offenders prosecuted as adults are required to register. This requirement may be terminated upon successful completion of probation.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety has established and maintains an Internet sex offender web site for offenders whose risk assessments have been determined to be level two or level three.

The purpose of the web site is to provide sex offender information to the public and includes the offender's current photo, name, date of birth, notification level, exact address, and offense committed. www.azsexoffender.com

After an offender has registered, the driver's license or identification card the offender carries is only valid for one year from the date of issuance. Every year, the offender must show proof of a current address and have a current photo taken. The motor vehicle department makes a copy of the photograph available to the criminal identification section at the Department of Public Safety or to any law enforcement agency.

If you need to know additional information, details about the offender can be found in court documents at the Clerk of the Superior Court, Court Record Information section in the Central Court Building basement, located at 201 W. Jefferson in Phoenix, Arizona.

Failing to register and sentencing

Failure to Register is a class four felony offense.

A convicted sex offender who fails to register, faces a maximum of lifetime probation or serves a term in the Department of Corrections of 1 to 3.75 years, or longer with prior convictions.

If an offender has one prior felony conviction, he/she can face 2.25 to 7.5 years in the Department of Corrections. Probation is not available.

If an offender has two or more prior felony convictions, he/she can face 6 to 15 years in the Department of Corrections. Probation is not available.

The requirement to register is a lifetime requirement regardless of the sentence received.

Homeless and transient offenders must still register.