

MISSOURI SEX-OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION

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NUMBER OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

8,662 as of January 24, 2003.

1. WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Any person who:

- (1) since July 1, 1979, has been convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty to committing, or attempting to commit, a felony sexual offense, or any sexual offense, if the victim is a minor; or
- (2) since July 1, 1979, has been convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty to committing, or attempting to commit one or more of the following offenses against a victim who is a minor:
 - (a) kidnapping;
 - (b) felonious restraint;
 - (c) promoting prostitution in the first, second, or third degree;
 - (d) incest;
 - (e) abuse of a minor;
 - (f) use of a minor in a sexual performance; or
 - (g) promoting a sexual performance by a minor;
- (3) since July 1, 1979, has been committed to the Missouri Department of Mental Health as a criminal sexual psychopath;
- (4) since July 1, 1979, has been found not guilty as a result of mental disease or defect of any offense listed in (1) or (2) above;
- (5) is a resident of Missouri who has, since July 1, 1979, been found guilty of or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* in any other state or under federal jurisdiction to committing, or attempting to commit, an offense which, if committed in Missouri, would be a sexual offense or a felony violation of any offense listed in (2) above;
- (6) is a resident of Missouri who has, since July 1, 1979, been or is required to register in another state or has been or is required to register under federal or military law; or
- (7) has been or is required to register in another state or has been or is required to register under federal or military law and who works or attends school or training on a full- or part-time basis in Missouri.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.400(1))

2. WHAT DOES “SEXUAL OFFENSE” MEAN?

“Sexual offense” means:

- (1) forcible and attempted forcible rape;
- (2) statutory rape in the first or second degree;
- (3) sexual assault;

- (4) forcible sodomy;
- (5) statutory sodomy in the first or second degree;
- (6) child molestation in the first or second degree;
- (7) deviate sexual assault;
- (8) sexual misconduct involving a minor;
- (9) sexual misconduct in the first, second, or third degree;
- (10) unlawful sex with an animal;
- (11) sexual contact with an inmate; or
- (12) enticement of a minor.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. Ch. 566)

3. ARE JUVENILE OFFENDERS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Please contact the Missouri State Highway Patrol or local law enforcement for information on juvenile offenders.

4. WHEN AND WHERE DOES AN OFFENDER REGISTER?

Offenders who are required to register must do so within 10 days of coming into any county in Missouri. Registration takes place with the chief law-enforcement official of the county in which the offender resides.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.400(2))

5. WHAT INFORMATION MUST AN OFFENDER PROVIDE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION?

Information that must be provided at the time of registration includes:

- (1) a statement in writing, signed by the offender, providing the offender's:
 - (a) name;
 - (b) address;
 - (c) social-security number;
 - (d) telephone number;
 - (e) place of employment;
 - (f) offense(s) requiring registration;
 - (g) date, place, and brief description of his or her offense(s);
 - (h) date and place of conviction or pleas regarding the offense(s);
 - (i) whether he or she was sentenced as a persistent or predatory offender;
 - (j) age and gender of the victim(s) at the time of the offense(s); and
 - (k) whether he or she successfully completed the Missouri Sexual Offender Program, if applicable;
- (2) the offender's photographs; and
- (3) the offender's fingerprints.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.407)

6. WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OFFENDER CHANGES HIS OR HER ADDRESS OR OTHER REGISTRATION INFORMATION DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD?

If any offender who is required to register changes his or her residence or address within the same county as his or her previous address, he or she must inform the chief law-enforcement official in writing within 10 days of such new address and telephone number, if the telephone number is also changed.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.414(1))

If any offender who is required to register changes his or her residence or address to a different county, he or she must appear in person and must inform both the chief law-enforcement official with whom he or she last registered and the chief law-enforcement official of the county having jurisdiction over his or her new residence or address in writing within 10 days, of such new address and telephone number, if the telephone number is also changed.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.414(2))

Whenever an offender changes residence, the chief law-enforcement official of the county where he or she was previously registered must promptly inform the Missouri State Highway Patrol of the change.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.414(2))

Any offender who is required to register and who officially changes his or her name must inform the chief law-enforcement officer of the name change within seven days after making the change.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.414(3))

7. WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OFFENDER MOVES FROM MISSOURI TO ANOTHER STATE?

If any offender who is required to register changes his or her state of residence, he or she must appear in person and must inform both the chief law-enforcement official with whom he or she was last registered and the chief law-enforcement official of the area in the new state having jurisdiction over his or her new residence or address within 10 days of such new address. Whenever an offender changes residence, the chief law-enforcement official of the county where he or she was previously registered must promptly inform the Missouri State Highway Patrol of the change. When an offender is changing his or her residence to a new state, the Missouri State Highway Patrol must, in turn, promptly inform the responsible official in the offender's new state of residence.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.414(2))

8. IS AN OFFENDER WHO MOVES FROM ANOTHER STATE TO MISSOURI REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

An out-of-state offender must register within 10 days of coming into any county in Missouri.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. §§ 589.400(1)(5), (2))

9. WHAT IF AN OFFENDER LIVES IN ANOTHER STATE BUT WORKS OR GOES TO SCHOOL IN MISSOURI?

An out-of-state offender who lives in another state but works or goes to school in Missouri is required to register within 10 days of coming into any county in Missouri.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. §§ 589.400(1)(6), (2))

10. IS REGISTRATION A LIFETIME REQUIREMENT?

Registration is a lifetime requirement unless:

- (1) all offenses that require registration are reversed, vacated, or set aside; or
- (2) the offender is pardoned for the offense(s) requiring registration.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.400(3))

11. ARE THERE ANY PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO REGISTER OR FOR PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION?

Any offender who is required to register and who does not meet all of the registration requirements is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.425(1))

Any offender who commits a second or subsequent failure to register violation is guilty of a Class D felony.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.425(2))

12. WHAT INFORMATION IS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT REGISTERED OFFENDERS?

The chief law-enforcement official of the county must maintain, for all offenders registered in the county, a complete list of the names, addresses, and offenses for which each offender is registered. Any person may request such list from the chief law-enforcement official of the county.

(Mo. Rev. Stat. § 589.417(2))

13. CAN I SEARCH THE INTERNET FOR OFFENDERS IN MY AREA?

Please check with your sheriff's office to find out what information is available over the Internet.