

## Sex Offender Quick Facts

### **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 juveniles as well as adult sex offenders.

### **What do the levels mean?**

Sex offender levels are determined by considering several factors about the offender and the nature of their crime in order to determine possible risks to the general public. For adult offenders, the STATIC-99R is used to determine risk to reoffend. For juvenile offenders, the Washington State Sex Offender Risk Level Classification (WSSORLC) is used to determine risk to reoffend.

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 their risk assessment and other factors indicate that they pose a low risk to sexually reoffend within the community.

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 please contact local law enforcement.

Please note: roughly 70% of Registered Sex Offenders are Level I offenders, and are not published on the public website.

Offenders are classified as **Level II offenders** if their risk assessment and other factors indicate they pose a moderate risk to sexually reoffend within the community. Level II offenders *are* published on the Washington State Sex offender Registry.

Offenders are classified as **Level III offenders** if their risk assessment and other factors indicate they pose a high risk to sexually reoffend within the community. Level III offenders *are* published on the Washington State Sex offender Registry.

### **Do offenders have restrictions on where they can live?**

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. Additionally, any juvenile restrictions would come from the sentencing court. Some communities may have local ordinances relative to sex offender housing. Local law enforcement can answer questions regarding specific offenders.

**Where can I find additional information?**

- Contact your local law enforcement agency
- Washington State Sex Offender Public Site: <http://sheriffalerts.com> (search for offenders)
- National Sex Offender Public Website: <https://www.nsopw.gov/> (search for offenders)

**\*Note: This document is intended to summarize information related to the registration practices for adult and juvenile sexual offenders. It is not intended to comprehensively re-state all the duties required of an offender for compliance with the law. While we do our best to keep this document as up to date as possible, please consult an attorney or local law enforcement with any specific questions.**

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