

# ARIZONA SEX-OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION

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## NUMBER OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

13,340 as of March 26, 2003.

### **1. WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?**

A person who has been convicted of a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses, or who has been convicted of an offense committed in another jurisdiction which if committed in Arizona would be a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses or an offense that was in effect before September 1, 1978, that, if committed on or after September 1, 1978, has the same elements of an offense listed below, must register:

- (1) unlawful imprisonment, if the victim is under 18 and the unlawful imprisonment was not committed by the victim's parent;
- (2) kidnapping, if the victim is under 18 and the kidnapping was not committed by the victim's parent;
- (3) sexual abuse, if the victim is under 18;
- (4) sexual conduct with a minor;
- (5) sexual assault;
- (6) sexual assault of a spouse;
- (7) molestation of a minor;
- (8) continuous sexual abuse of a minor;
- (9) taking a minor for the purpose of prostitution;
- (10) child prostitution;
- (11) commercial sexual exploitation of a minor;
- (12) sexual exploitation of a minor;
- (13) luring a minor for sexual exploitation;
- (14) a second or subsequent violation of indecent exposure to a person under 15;
- (15) a second or subsequent violation of public sexual indecency to a minor under 15;
- (16) a third or subsequent violation of indecent exposure; or
- (17) a third or subsequent violation of public sexual indecency.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3821(A))*

A judge who sentences a defendant for a sexual offense, the sexual exploitation of children, or an offense for which there was a finding of sexual motivation may require him or her to register.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3821(C))*

### **2. ARE JUVENILE OFFENDERS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?**

The court may require a person who has been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would constitute an offense specified in Question One above to register.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3821(D))*

**3. WHEN AND WHERE DOES AN OFFENDER REGISTER?**

Registration must take place with the county sheriff within 10 days after conviction or within 10 days after entering and remaining in any county in Arizona.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3821(A))*

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

At the time of registration an offender must sign a written statement including all information required by the Director of the Department of Public Safety including all names by which he or she is known.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3821(I))*

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

If an offender required to register changes his or her address or name, he or she must inform the sheriff's office in person and in writing of the new address or new name within 72 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, of making the change.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3822(A))*

**6. WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OFFENDER MOVES FROM ARIZONA TO ANOTHER STATE?**

If an offender required to register changes his or her address to another state, he or she must inform the sheriff's office in person and in writing of the new address within 72 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, of making the change.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3822(A))*

If the offender moves out of Arizona, the sheriff of the county from which he or she moves must advise the local law-enforcement agency in the jurisdiction to which he or she moves.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3822(B))*

**7. IS AN OFFENDER WHO MOVES FROM ANOTHER STATE TO ARIZONA REQUIRED TO REGISTER?**

An offender moving from another state to Arizona must register with the county sheriff within 10 days after entering and remaining in any county in Arizona.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3821(A))*

**8. WHAT IF AN OFFENDER LIVES IN ANOTHER STATE BUT WORKS OR GOES TO SCHOOL IN ARIZONA?**

An offender is required to register within 10 days of entering Arizona to go to work or school.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3821(E))*

**9. IS REGISTRATION A LIFETIME REQUIREMENT?**

An offender required to register because of a conviction for the unlawful imprisonment of a minor or the kidnapping of a minor must register, absent additional or subsequent convictions, for a period of 10 years from the date that he or she is released from prison, jail, probation, community supervision or parole and the person has fulfilled all restitution obligations; however, an offender who has a prior conviction for an offense for which registration is required must register for life.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3281(L))*

The duty to register for juvenile offenders terminates when he or she reaches the age of 25; however, a court may order the termination of any duty to register upon successful completion of probation if an offender was under 18 when the offense for which he or she was convicted was committed.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-3821(D), (G))*

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

Violation of registration requirements is a Class 4 felony.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3824)*

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

Community-notification requirements do not apply to offenders subject to registration as a result of offenses adjudicated by a juvenile court unless ordered by the court.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3825(H))*

For Level-Three (high-risk) offenders, the surrounding neighborhood, area schools, appropriate community groups, and prospective employers are notified. Notification includes a flier with a photograph and exact address of an offender as well as a summary of an offender's status and criminal background. A press release and a Level-Three flier are given to the local electronic and print media to enable information to be placed in a local publication.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3826(E)(1))*

For Level-Two (intermediate-risk) offenders, immediate neighbors, schools, appropriate community groups, and prospective employers can be notified. Notification may include a flier with a photograph and address or the general area where an offender will be residing as well as a brief general summary of an offender's status and criminal background.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3826(E)(2))*

For Level-One (low-risk) offenders, the local law-enforcement agency responsible for notification must maintain information about an offender. The local law-enforcement agency may disseminate this information to other law-enforcement agencies and may give notification to the people with whom an offender resides.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3826(E)(3))*

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

The Department of Public Safety maintains an Internet, sex-offender web site for offenders whose risk assessment has been determined to be Level Two (intermediate risk) or Level Three (high risk).

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3827(A))*

The Internet site includes an offender's:

- (1) name;
- (2) address;
- (3) date of birth;
- (4) current photograph;
- (5) offense committed; and
- (6) notification level, if a risk assessment has been completed.

*(Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3827(B))*

The site, available at <http://www.azsexoffender.com/>, can be searched by name, address, or zip code.