

WYOMING SEX-OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION

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NUMBER OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

740 as of March 26, 2003.

1. WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Sex offenders and persons convicted of a criminal offense against a minor are required to register.
(*Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-301(a)(viii); § 7-19-302(a)*)

2. WHAT DOES "SEX OFFENDER" MEAN?

"Sex offender" means a person who has been convicted of:

- (1) a sex offense in which the victim was a minor and the offender was at least 18; or
- (2) an aggravated sex offense.

(*Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-301(a)(xii)*)

3. WHAT DOES "CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST A MINOR" MEAN?

"Criminal offense against a minor" means one of the following offenses in which the victim is under 18:

- (1) kidnapping;
- (2) felonious restraint;
- (3) false imprisonment;
- (4) prostitution, soliciting an act of prostitution, or promoting prostitution, if a minor is the object of the sexual act or proposed sexual act;
- (5) producing obscene material, if the offense involves using a minor in a sexual performance;
- (6) soliciting sexual conduct; or
- (7) an attempt to commit an offense listed in (1) through (6) above.

(*Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-9-301(a)(iv)*)

4. WHAT DOES "SEX OFFENSE" MEAN?

"Sex offense" means:

- (1) certain instances of third-degree sexual assault, if the victim is 16 or older;
- (2) conspiracy to commit sexual assault;
- (3) indecent liberties, provided the victim was at least 16, but under 18, and the offender was at least four years older than the victim; or
- (4) an attempt to commit an offense listed in (1) through (3) above.

(*Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-9-301(a)(xiii)*)

5. WHAT DOES “AGGRAVATED SEX OFFENSE” MEAN?

“Aggravated sex offense” means:

- (1) first- or second-degree sexual assault, regardless of the victim’s age;
- (2) certain instances of third-degree sexual assault;
- (3) incest;
- (4) immoral or indecent acts, provided the victim was under 16 and the offender was at least four years older than the victim; or
- (5) an attempt to commit an offense listed in (1) through (4) above.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-301(a)(ii))

6. ARE JUVENILE OFFENDERS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Please contact the Wyoming Attorney General Office’s Division of Criminal Investigation or local law enforcement for information on juvenile offenders.

7. WHEN AND WHERE DOES AN OFFENDER REGISTER?

An offender who, on or after July 1, 1999, is in custody of the Department of Corrections, local jail, or a public or private agency pursuant to a court order because of an offense subjecting him or her to registration and who is sentenced on or after January 1, 1985, must register immediately prior to release from custody with the agency having custody of him or her.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(c)(i))

An offender who is convicted of an offense subjecting him or her to registration but who is not sentenced to a term of confinement must register immediately after the imposition of the sentence with the sheriff of the county where the judgment and sentence is entered.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(c)(ii))

8. WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OFFENDER MOVES FROM WYOMING TO ANOTHER STATE?

An offender who changes residence to another state must register the new address with the law-enforcement agency with whom he or she last registered and must register with the designated law-enforcement agency in the new state no later than 10 days after establishing residence in the new state.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(f); § 7-19-305(a)(iii))

If an offender who is required to register changes residence to another state and that state has a registration requirement, the division must, within three working days of receipt of the information, notify the law-enforcement agency with which he or she must register in the new state.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(e))

If an offender who is required to register works or goes to school in another state, he or she must register with the other state as a nonresident worker or nonresident student.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-305(a)(v))

9. IS AN OFFENDER WHO MOVES FROM ANOTHER STATE TO WYOMING REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

An offender convicted of an offense subjecting him or her to registration who is sentenced on or after January 1, 1985, who resides in or enters Wyoming for the purpose of residing and who is under the

jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or state board of parole or other public agency as a result of that offense must register within 40 days of entering Wyoming.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(c)(iii))

An offender convicted of an offense subjecting him or her to registration who is sentenced on or after January 1, 1985, who resides in or enters Wyoming and who is not under the jurisdiction or custody of the Department of Corrections, board of parole, or other public agency because of that offense must register with the Division of Criminal Investigations within 40 days of entering Wyoming.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(c)(iv))

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

An offender who lives in another state but works or goes to school in Wyoming must register with the Division of Criminal Investigation.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(d))

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

An offender must provide the following information when registering:

- (1) name, including any aliases ever used;
- (2) address;
- (3) date and place of birth;
- (4) social-security number;
- (5) place of employment;
- (6) date and place of conviction;
- (7) offense for which he or she was convicted;
- (8) photograph; and
- (9) fingerprints.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(a))

Aggravated sex offenders must also provide:

- (1) identifying factors;
- (2) anticipated future residence;
- (3) offense history; and
- (4) documentation of any treatment received for any mental abnormality or personality disorder.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(b))

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

If an offender who is required to register changes his or her residence address within the same county, he or she must send written notice of the change to the Division of Criminal Investigation within 10 days of establishing the new residence.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(e); § 7-19-305(a)(ii))

If an offender who is required to register moves to a new county in Wyoming, he or she must notify the Division of Criminal Investigation, county sheriff in the new county, and county sheriff of the county of his or her previous residence within 10 days of establishing the new residence.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-302(e); § 7-19-305(a)(ii))

13. IS REGISTRATION A LIFETIME REQUIREMENT?

Aggravated sex offenders and recidivists must register for life.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-304(a)(ii))

The duty to register ends for all other offenders 10 years after he or she was released from prison or was placed on parole, supervised released, or probation.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-304(a)(i))

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

An offender who knowingly fails to register is guilty of a high misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$750, imprisonment for no more than one year, or both.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-307(c))

An offender convicted of a subsequent violation of knowingly failing to register is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment for no more than five years, or both.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-307(d))

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

If an offender's risk of reoffense is low, notification is given only to persons authorized to receive criminal-history-record information (*i.e.*, prosecutors and courts).

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-303(c)(i))

If an offender's risk of reoffense is moderate, notification will be provided to residential neighbors within at least 750 feet of the offender's residence and organizations in the community including schools and religious and youth organizations.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-303(c)(ii))

If an offender's risk of reoffense is high, notification will be provided to the public through a public registry and through any additional means specified in a court order, as well as to residential neighbors within at least 750 feet of the offender's residence and organizations in the community, including schools and religious and youth organizations.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-303(c)(iii))

The public registry, available through the Internet, includes the offender's:

- (1) name, including any aliases;
- (2) physical address;
- (3) date and place of birth;
- (4) date and place of conviction;
- (5) offense for which he or she was convicted;
- (6) photograph; and
- (7) physical characteristics including:
 - (a) race;
 - (b) sex;
 - (c) height and weight; and
 - (d) hair and eye color.

(Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 7-19-303(c)(iii))

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

The public registry of high-risk offenders is available through the Division of Criminal Investigations. The web site provides offender information on a county basis.

The web site is available at http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/dci/so/so_registration.html.

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- (2) physical address;
- (3) date and place of birth;
- (4) date and place of conviction;
- (5) offense for which he or she was convicted;
- (6) photograph; and
- (7) physical characteristics including:
 - (a) race;
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