

Q & A

Who makes the decision if a person is considered a registered sexual predator or offender?

Only a judge can designate a person as a sexual predator or offender, after a conviction for a sexual related crime.

How long must a sexual predator/offender register?

Lifetime unless sexual predator/offender status is removed by a court of law or full pardon.

Can I get a list of sexual predators and offenders for my area?

Yes. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has an online website. www.pbso.org.

Can I check if someone is a registered sexual predator or offender in Florida?

Yes. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has an online website (www.pbso.org) of sexual predators and offenders required to register per Florida law.

Can I get notified if a sexual predator/offender moves within a mile of my home?

Yes. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has an online website (www.pbso.org) which enables you to sign up and receive free e-mail alerts when a registered sexual predator or offender moves into your neighborhood.

Are sexual predators/offenders required to report change of address?

Yes, within 48 hours.

What if a sexual predator/offender fails to register or re-register?

Failure to comply with registration requirements is either a second or third degree felony.

Resources



www.pbso.org

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Sexual Predator & Offender Tracking Unit

561-688-3889

www.pbso.org

spot@pbso.org

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

1-888-357-7332

www.fdle.state.fl.us

Department of Corrections

1-888-558-6488

www.dc.state.fl.us

Palm Beach County Victims Services

HOTLINE 24Hours 1-866-891-7273

www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/victimservices

Florida Resource Center for Women and Children, Inc.

561-848-8383

www.frcwc.com

The Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County

Phone: 561-616-1222

www.ctrfam.org



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For information go to:

PBSO.org

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Sexual Predator and Offender Tracking Unit

Sexual Offender

Florida law deems a sexual offender as any person convicted of committing, or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit, any of the below offenses, or similar offenses in another jurisdiction.

- Kidnapping, where the victim is a minor and the offender is not a parent
- False imprisonment, where the victim is a minor and the offender is not a parent
- Luring or enticing a child into a structure or conveyance
- Sexual battery
- Procuring a child under the age of 18 for prostitution
- Lewd or lascivious offenses
- Sexual performance by a child
- Possession of obscene material involving a child
- Computer child pornography and/or luring of a child
- Selling and/or buying a minor

Sexual Predator

Per Florida Statute [775.21](#), there are several criteria that must be met in order for an individual to be designated for registration as a sexual predator.

- A conviction for a qualifying and Capital, Life or First degree felony sex offense committed on or after 10/1/1993
- A conviction for any felony violation or attempt thereof for a qualifying offense committed after 10/1/1993 in addition to a prior conviction for any felony violation or attempt thereof for a qualifying offense
- A written court finding designating the individual a sexual predator
- Additionally, as of July 1, 2004, regardless of whether an individual meets or does not meet the criteria listed above, anyone civilly committed under the Florida Jimmy Ryce Sexually Violent Predator Act must register as a sexual predator.

**Please refer to the
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
web site for complete definitions
www.fdle.state.fl.us**

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Community Notification

Under Florida law, the Sheriff or Chief of Police of jurisdiction shall notify the community of the presence of a sexual predator, and in the case of an offender the Sheriff or Chief of Police is authorized, but not mandated, to notify the community. It is up to the individual agency to determine who is included in the "community" notification and how notification will take place. See Florida Statutes [943.043](#) and [775.21\(7\)](#) for more information.

Additionally, the local Sheriff's Office and Police Department are required to notify each school and licensed day care center of any sexual predators living within a 1 mile radius of that school or day care. They must do so within 48 hours of being notified by FDLE of the sexual predator's address. See Florida Statutes [943.043](#) and [775.21\(7\)](#) for more information. This requirement does not hold regarding the presence of sexual offenders.

Registration Requirements

The 1994 Jacob Wetterling Act requires the States to register individuals convicted of sex crimes against children. In Palm Beach County a convicted sexual predator or offender must report in person to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Registration Unit. The Registration Unit will then complete a FDLE sexual predator/offender registration form. The form is then forwarded to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Sexual Predator/Offender Tracking Unit and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Who Should Register

Sexual predators whose date of offense was committed on or after October 1, 1993. Sexual offenders convicted and released on or after October 1, 1997. Juvenile offenders convicted as adults. Persons required to register in another state or jurisdiction as an offender or predator. Juveniles adjudicated delinquent on or after July 1, 2007, for committing, or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit, any of the qualifying crimes specified in Florida Statute when the juvenile was 14 years of age or older at the time of the offense.

Sexual predators/offenders who are convicted in another state are required to register in Florida.

Sexual predators/offenders MUST report in person either twice a year (during the month of their birth and during the 6th month following their birth month) or four times a year (once during the month of their birth and every 3rd month thereafter), depending upon the offense/designation, to the Sheriff's Office in the county in which they reside, or are otherwise located, to re-register.

Residency Restrictions

There are municipal and/or county ordinances in your area regarding certain sexual predators/offenders which may restrict where they reside or live. Contact the appropriate entities in your local area (i.e. your local Sheriff's Office and/or Police Department) to obtain this information.