



# New York State's Sex Offender Registry

*How to access information about registered sex offenders in your community*

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The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is responsible for the administration of New York State's Sex Offender Registry, which was created by the state's Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA).

There are several ways that individuals can learn about registered sex offenders in their neighborhoods: calling a toll-free telephone number, going online and/or registering for alerts sent via text or e-mail.

The type of information that is available to the public about an offender depends on an offender's risk level, of which there are three:

- Level 1: low risk of re-offense
- Level 2: medium risk of re-offense
- Level 3: high risk of re-offense

## Toll-Free Telephone Number

Under SORA, the state can provide information about Level 1, 2 or 3 offenders, or those with a pending risk level (not yet set by the courts), through a toll-free number: 1-800-262-3257, option 2.

Callers must have a name and one identifier: an exact address, date of birth, driver's license number or a Social Security number and they will be told if the individual is a registered sex offender in New York.

Residence address information about Level 1 offenders is limited to zip code; the complete residence address of Level 2 and 3 offenders is available.

## Online Directory

SORA only permits information about Level 2 and 3 offenders to be posted online: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor>. The online directory is searchable by using ONE of the following:

- Last Name, County OR Zip Code

Offenders are listed by their real names and any aliases. A variety of information is available, including: residence and work addresses, crime of conviction, vehicle information and conditions of supervision (parole or probation), if applicable.

DCJS also created an application within Facebook to make the online directory more readily accessible.

Facebook users don't have to leave Facebook to access the registry. The Sex Offender Locator Application is accessible via the New York State Public Safety Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nyspublicsafety](http://www.facebook.com/nyspublicsafety)). Click on the "Locate Sex Offenders" link.

### **eAlerts through NY-ALERT**

In addition to providing information about Level 2 and 3 offenders via Facebook and the DCJS website, the state allows New Yorkers to sign up to receive alerts via e-mail, text, fax or telephone whenever those sex offenders move to, or from, a community of interest – their home, work or child's school, for example.

DCJS offers the sex offender relocation notices through the state's NY-ALERT system; visit [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov) and click on the "Sign up for NY-Alerts" link in the left menu to learn more and register.

Individuals can register up to three locations, either by county/municipality, zip code or specific address, or any combination of those three options, for which they would like to receive relocation alerts.

### **For more information:**

- Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/faq.htm>
- Offenses that Require Registration: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/sortab1.htm>
- Risk Level Designation: [http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/risk\\_levels.htm](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/risk_levels.htm)
- Statistics: [http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/stats\\_by\\_county.htm](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/stats_by_county.htm)