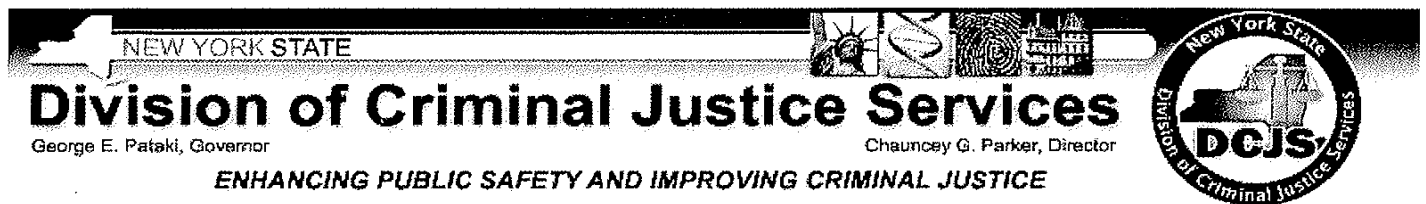


## WHEN A SEX OFFENDER SEEKS TO JOIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

The following is a list of suggested actions to be taken by a congregation when a convicted sex offender approaches and seeks to join in the ministry of the church. This list assumes that the offender admits to the pastor his/her criminal record.

1. Have a detailed conversation with the individual. Find out the facts of the offense, the sentence, the conditions of probation, the name of the probation/parole officer and contact information for the officer.
2. Contact the probation/parole officer to verify the information received from the individual. Find out if probation restrictions would interfere with the individual being present on church property. Treat the probation officer as a reference and interview him/her as to the qualities of the individual.
3. If you find that the individual has no probation restrictions related to participation at church, then have another meeting with him/her. Inform the individual that it is possible for him/her to participate in the congregation under these conditions:
  - a. He/She may attend worship services, adult Sunday School, and other ministries only when accompanied by an adult "shepherd."
  - b. He/She must have the "shepherd" with him/her at all times, even in the restroom.
  - c. He/She must not enter areas of the church property that are used by children and youth, even if he/she is accompanied by the "shepherd."
  - d. He/She will not be accepted as a volunteer in any capacity that would provide opportunities for contact with children and youth.
  - e. He/She will sign a participation covenant, along with the person acting as the "shepherd," describing his/her commitment to uphold the mission of the church and all the specific conditions required of him/her by the congregation.
  - f. He/She will support the pastor and appropriate church leaders in sharing the facts of his/her participation with any and all who need to know.
  - g. He/She will be asked to leave the congregation in the event any of these conditions are not followed.



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## New York State Sex Offender Registry and the Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) 1-800-262-3257

Welcome to the New York State Sex Offender Registry information center. The purpose of this site is to provide an overview of the sex offender registration law and how the public can obtain information about sex offenders. The Sex Offender Registration Act, New York's version of Megan's Law, was signed by Governor George E. Pataki in July 1995 and became effective on January 21, 1996. The text of the statute is contained in Correction Law Article 6-C (Section 168 et seq.).

Registered sex offenders in New York are classified by the risk of reoffense. A court determines whether an offender is a level 1 (low risk), 2 (moderate risk) or 3 (high risk). The court also determines whether an offender should be given the designation of a sexual predator, sexually violent offender or predicate sex offender. Offenders are required to be registered for 20 years or life. Level 1 offenders with no designation must register for twenty years. Level 1 offenders with a designation, as well as level 2 and level 3 offenders regardless of whether they have a designation must register for life.

### There are 4 ways to obtain information about sex offenders in New York State\*:

1. You can call 1-800-262-3257 to determine if someone is on the Registry. You will need the name of the offender and one of the following: an exact address, a complete date of birth, a driver's license number or a social security number. Read more on the 800 Information line.
2. You can access the Subdirectory on this web site by clicking on the "Search Subdirectory" button. You can search for level 2 and level 3 offenders by name, county or zip code. Please note that a federal court injunction currently prohibits the release of information on this web site concerning sex offenders who committed their crime prior to January 21, 1996 and were assigned a risk level prior to January 1, 2000, unless they have had an opportunity for a due process hearing.
3. The local law enforcement agency where the offender currently resides, can, if it chooses, release information on sex offenders residing in the community to "entities with vulnerable populations related to the nature of the offense". The law enforcement agency can release information on level 1, level 2 and level 3 offenders through this method. Also, while the exact address of level 3 offenders can be provided, the law provides that only an approximate address based on zip code can be provided for level 1 and level 2 offenders. Please note that a federal court injunction currently prohibits the release of information through this method concerning sex offenders who committed their crime prior to January 21, 1996 and were assigned a risk level prior to January 1, 2000, unless they have had an opportunity for a due process hearing.
4. Each local law enforcement agency receives from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services a copy (electronically or on a CD ROM) of the Subdirectory which is maintained on this site. Local law enforcement is required to maintain the Subdirectory for the public to view upon request.

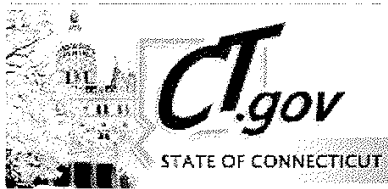
**\*Please note that on July 17, 2006, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York modified a stay issued in the continuing *Doe v. Pataki* litigation and determined that the new law regarding expanded community notification, which was**

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**effective on June 23, 2006, cannot be applied to members of the Doe v. Pataki class. Accordingly, while the modified stay is in effect, level 2 sex offenders who are members of the Doe v. Pataki class cannot be included in the Subdirectory, additional information regarding level 1 offenders in the Doe v. Pataki class will not be available on the DCJS 800# and law enforcement cannot perform community notification on level 1 offenders in the Doe v. Pataki class.**

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## Connecticut Sex Offender Registry

### Search Database for Offenders Out of State Sex Offenders in Connecticut

Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 mandate that the Connecticut Department of Public Safety establish and maintain a central registry of persons who have been convicted of certain sexual offenses and are required to register under the general statutes.

#### WARNING

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The Department of Public Safety updates this information regularly, to try to assure that it is complete and accurate. However, this information can change quickly. You are cautioned that the information provided on this site is information of record and may not reflect the current residence, status, or other information regarding a registrant (offender).

Persons who have been arrested or accused of a sex offense listed in Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 are not required to register unless the accusation results in a conviction or a finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect. This list contains only offenders who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

Offenders who were released into the community prior to October 1, 1988 are not required to register. Some offenders convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of certain offenses specified under PA99-183 and released into the community after October 1, 1988 are required to register. An additional number of offenders convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect and released into the community after October 1, 1998 are also required to register. See Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 for specific offenses.

This information is made available for the purpose of complying with Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 et seq., which requires the Connecticut Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a registry of persons who are required to register under Sections 54-250 through 54-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The registry is based on the legislature's decision to facilitate access to publicly available information about persons convicted of sexual offenses. The Department of Public Safety has not considered or assessed the specific risk of re-offense with regard to any individual prior to his or her inclusion within this registry, and has made no

determination that any individual included in the Registry is currently dangerous. Individuals included within the registry are included solely by virtue of their conviction record and state law. The main purpose of providing this data on the Internet is to make the information more easily available and accessible, not to warn about any specific individual.

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If you believe that any of the information found in these records is in error, please contact the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police Sex Offender Registry Unit at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT 06457, Phone (860)685-8060, or by e-mail at [sex.offender.registry@po.state.ct.us](mailto:sex.offender.registry@po.state.ct.us).

For further information on any subjects listed on the registry, Connecticut General Statute 29-11 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to release to any person, a state criminal conviction record for a fee of \$25.00. For more information, contact the [Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification \(SPBI\)](#) at (860) 685-8480.

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