

How to Obtain Information about Sex Offenders Living in Your Community

As part of the NYS Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) there are 4 ways to obtain information about sex offenders in New York State:

1. You can contact the **Sex Offender Registry** Info Line at **1-800-262-3257** to determine if someone is on the Registry. You will need the name of the person about whom you are inquiring and one of the following: an exact address, a complete date of birth, a driver's license number or a social security number. You can call with a maximum of 5 names to be searched.
2. You can access the Subdirectory on the DCJS web site at www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/search_index.htm where you can search for level 2 and level 3 offenders by name, county or zip code.
3. The local law enforcement agency where the offender currently resides can, if it chooses, release **community notification** 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 by a law enforcement agency for level 1 and level 2 offenders.
4. Your **local law enforcement agency** has the Subdirectory available for the public to view upon request.

Please note: As a result of the ongoing federal litigation in Doe v. Pataki, certain level 2 or 3 sex offenders cannot be included in the Subdirectory. Additionally, as a result of this continuing litigation, additional information regarding certain level 2 sex offenders will not be available via the DCJS 800# and law enforcement cannot perform community notification on them.

The laws regarding the Sex Offender Registry are frequently updated. Visit the DCJS website <http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us> for the most up-to-date information and to learn more about the New York State Sex Offender Registry.

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