

SEX OFFENSE TREATMENT AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS

SUPERVISION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SEX OFFENSE & MONITORING



FACT SHEET

REGISTRATION

When an individual is required to register on the sex offender registry in the county where they reside, their registration requirements are managed by the Sheriff's office. [Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs \(WASPC\)](#) offers information about Washington Sex Public Registry.

PROGRAMMING

The [Community Protection Act of 1990](#) mandates that those individuals convicted of sex offenses are required to register their address with the Sheriff in the county in which they reside.

It was not until the passage of this act that law enforcement agencies were able to track where sex offenders live.

These individuals are required to register, regardless of whether they are being actively supervised by the Department of Corrections (DOC). [RCW 9A.44.130](#) Registration of sex offenders and kidnapping offenders, set forth the terms of the law.

Individuals with registration requirements may be either:

- Under the DOC jurisdiction with a requirement to register; or
- A person who has released from prison or jail or released from community supervision not under the DOC's jurisdiction with a requirement to register.

DOC SUPERVISION OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY

The majority of registered sex offenders in Washington State are NOT actively supervised (not under DOC's jurisdiction) by the Department of Corrections and their only mandate is that they abide by the registration requirements. They are free to reside at any location that they choose.

These are the category of individuals that have registration requirements by law that the DOC does not have jurisdiction for. The reasons that DOC would NOT supervise a registered sex offender include, but are not limited to:

- The individual completed supervision with DOC
- The individual is supervised by a municipal or federal probation office
- The individual moved from out of state with no supervision requirements

LEVELING REQUIREMENTS

Individuals convicted of sex crimes are identified as either a Level 1, 2, or 3. Those sentenced to prison are reviewed and appropriate levels are recommended by the End of Sentence Review Committee, which is comprised of DOC employees, staff from other agencies, and private citizens.

Those not sentenced to prison are reviewed and given a level by the county Sheriff following their release from a local jail, or if they move from out of state. Many risk factors are considered when determining the level, such as past criminal history and whether or not they have received treatment.

LEVELS

Level 1 - Low risk to sexually reoffend within the community at large.

Level 2 - Moderate risk to sexually reoffend within the community at large.

Level 3 - High risk to sexually reoffend within the community at large.

While being actively supervised (under DOC's jurisdiction) by DOC, Community Corrections staff investigate proposed addresses to ensure that the living situation will not place them in violation of their conditions and that they are not living in a location that may place potential victims at risk.

DOC will:

- Ensure supervised individuals are registered with Sheriff's office if ordered on an individual's Judgment & Sentence; and
- Ensure the supervised individuals are registered with the Sheriff's office if registration is a condition that is requirement of supervision.

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CONDITIONS OF SENTENCE & COMMUNITY REENTRY

Whether an individual is sentenced to either prison or community custody for a sex crime, they may be required to participate in a state-certified Sex Offender Treatment Program as well as abide by other conditions as ordered.

Conditions of supervision can be ordered by the Courts or imposed by DOC or the Indeterminate Sentencing Board (ISRB). These conditions may include, but are not limited to:

- Have no contact with minors or other prohibited individuals
- Have no contact with victim(s)
- Submit to polygraph examinations
- Submit to urinalysis testing
- Abide by internet/cell phone monitoring
- Obey all laws
- Abide by GPS monitoring
- Submit to searches of their person or property
- Report to their assigned CCO as directed
- Remain in a specified geographic boundary
- Refrain from viewing pornography

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS*

The Department of Corrections Specialists in the Civil Commitment Program have supervision and monitoring responsibility for individuals with a civil sentence under Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction.

When an individual has been determined to meet the criteria as a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP), they may become eligible for a Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA).

This alternative as determined by the court of commitment, allows them to reside in the community for an indeterminate length of time while on LRA.

During this period of time, supervision is monitored by DOC in collaboration with DSHS and the identified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (SOTP).

*Further information regarding SVP see DOC's, Frequently Asked Questions Document on Sexually Violator Predators.