

## Prohibited Activities

Some registered sex offenders cannot live within **500 feet** of a primary, secondary, or high school, child day center or public park that shares a border with a school and is regularly used for school activities.

Some registered sex offenders are prohibited from *"loitering"* **within 100 feet** of the premises of any place he knows or has reason to know is:

- A primary, secondary or high school
- A child day program,

**OR**

For the purpose of having any contact whatsoever with children that are not in his custody, of any place owned or operated by a locality that is a playground, athletic field or facility, or gymnasium.

**Tier III Offenders** (formerly Sexually Violent offenders) cannot enter or be present during school hours, and during school-related or school-sponsored activities upon any public or private elementary or secondary school or child day center property.

**Tier III Offenders** cannot be on any property (public or private) during hours when such property is solely being used by a public or private elementary or secondary school for a school-related or school-sponsored activity.

**Tier III Offenders** cannot enter a school bus.

**Tier III Offenders** cannot operate a taxi cab for the transportation of passengers for hire.

Any person required to register with the "Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry" is **PROHIBITED** from working for any Transportation Network Company (Uber, Lyft, etc.).

The laws that govern a sex offender's residence, work location, and proximity to schools and daycare facilities can be found in full under the following statutes:

**18.2-370.2** – Sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children; penalty

**18.2-370.3** – Sex offenses prohibiting residing in proximity to children; penalty

**18.2-370.4** – Sex offenses prohibiting working on school property; penalty

**18.2-370.5** – Sex offenses prohibiting entry onto school property; penalty

**46.2-2099.49** - Sex Offenders prohibited from operating Transportation Network Company Vehicles (Uber, Lyft, etc.)

**46.2 -2011.33** –Tier III Sex Offenders prohibited from operating Taxi Cabs

## Registration Forms

Always review the entire form (SP-236; SP-236A; SP-236C) for accuracy BEFORE signing. If information on any SP-236 is not correct, advise the official completing the form that it needs to be corrected. Providing false information on any SP-236 may result in being charged with §18.2-472.1 of the Code of Virginia. This is punishable as a Class 5 or 6 Felony, or a Class 1 Misdemeanor, as applicable.

## Emergency Shelters

**Sex offenders in emergency shelters; notification registration.** Provides that a registered sex offender who enters an emergency shelter designated by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and operated in response to a declared state or local emergency shall, as soon as practicable after entry, notify a member of the shelter's staff who is responsible for providing security of such person's status as a registered sex offender. No person shall be denied entry solely on the basis of his status as a sex offender unless such entry is otherwise prohibited by law. The Department of State Police will provide to any registered sex offender at the time of his initial registration a summary of his obligation to inform the staff of an emergency shelter of his status as a registered sex offender.



If you have any questions or concerns about your Registry requirements, contact the appropriate Sex Offender Investigative Unit Trooper, Compliance Officer, or your Probation/Parole Officer prior to contacting the Sex Offender Registry Helpdesk at 804-674-2825. The Helpdesk is available Monday through Friday 8:15am – 4:45pm.

More information is available at:

<https://www.vspSOR.com/Resource/Links?categoryId=OffenderResource>

or

<https://www.vspSOR.com/Faq>

The Virginia State Police is not liable for information provided from the helpdesk.

## Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Guidelines



**Virginia State Police  
Sex Offender Registry  
(SOR) Helpdesk  
7700 Midlothian Turnpike  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23235  
804-674-2825**

**E-mailing the SOR-Click on link below:**  
[sor@vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:sor@vsp.virginia.gov)

*This brochure does not constitute a comprehensive listing of all laws and regulations for the Sex Offender Registry. Failure to receive this publication does not constitute a defense to any criminal charge or other requirement or prohibition imposed upon a person for whom registration is required; nor shall any civil liability attach to a governmental entity involved in the development or publication of any such document.*

# Sex Offender Registry Guidelines

**It is your responsibility to register**, in person, with the Virginia State Police, or your local law enforcement agency within the jurisdiction you reside or work, and submit a new SP-236 registration form with prints in the following instances:

Every person required to register shall register in person within **3 days** of his release from confinement in a state, local or juvenile correctional facility, in a state civil commitment program for sexually violent predators or, if a sentence of confinement is not imposed, within three days of suspension of the sentence or in the case of a juvenile of disposition.

**Within 3 days** of receiving an additional conviction or suspended sentence for a charge listed on the back of Form SP-236.

**Within 3 days** of a change in residence or mailing address within Virginia, including if you become homeless.

**Within 10 days prior** to change of residence if moving outside of Virginia.

**Within 3 days** of a change in employment, regardless if employment is in or outside of Virginia. This applies if you change jobs, or become unemployed, are retired, disabled, or start or end a second, or more jobs.

**Within 3 days** of release from a correctional facility, jail, or community supervision (probation and parole).

**Within 3 days** of legally changing your name through a court order.

**Within 3 days** of a change in owned vehicle registration information (includes changing license plate numbers, buying, trading, selling or otherwise disposing of any vehicle you own or have your name on the title). This includes watercraft and aircraft.

**Within 3 days** of enrolling in, unenrolling, or graduating from an institution of higher learning. This includes any post-secondary school, trade school, or professional institution of higher education.

**Within 30 minutes** of any change in, or addition to, your email address information, any instant message or chat screen name, or other Internet electronic communication name or identity information that you use or intend to use. This can be done electronically by submitting the information by e-mail to.

**SOR.Electronic@vsp.virginia.gov** The instructions for submitting information electronically are listed on the SOR page under the “Resources/Registration Forms” Tab. This may also be done in person with a local law enforcement agency where your

residence is located, by submitting an SP-236, with the new information, to the Sex Offender Registry.

**Every 2 years** commencing with the date of initial registration, submit to be photographed by the Virginia State Police or your local law enforcement agency.

**Tier I & II** Sex Offenders shall re-register in accordance with their birth month, once per year (See Date Schedule). A failure to register conviction will change this to twice a year, **every 180 days**. A letter will be mailed to the last recorded mailing address on file.

| Birth Month | Last Name Initial (Mailed/Due)<br>EOM-end of month |                | Reporting Months<br>(Without FTR) | Reporting Months<br>(With FTR) |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January     | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | January                           | January, July                  |
| February    | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | February                          | February, August               |
| March       | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | March                             | March, September               |
| April       | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | April                             | April, October                 |
| May         | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | May                               | May, November                  |
| June        | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | June                              | June, December                 |
| July        | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | July                              | July, January                  |
| August      | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | August                            | August, February               |
| September   | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | September                         | September, March               |
| October     | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | October                           | October, April                 |
| November    | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | November                          | November, May                  |
| December    | A-L (1st-15th)                                     | M-Z (16th-EOM) | December                          | December, June                 |

**Tier III** Sex Offenders shall re-register with authorities, beginning with their birth month, then every **90 days**, thereafter. (See Date Schedule) A conviction of failure to register will change your re-registration requirement to every **30 days**. A letter will be mailed to the last recorded mailing address on file.

| Birth Month | Last Name Initial (Mailed/Due)<br>EOM- End of Month |                | Reporting Months<br>(Without FTR) | Reporting Months<br>(With FTR) |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January     | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | January, April, July, October     | Every Month                    |
| February    | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | February, May, August, November   | Every Month                    |
| March       | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | March, June, September, December  | Every Month                    |
| April       | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | April, July, October, January     | Every Month                    |
| May         | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | May, August, November, February   | Every Month                    |
| June        | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | June, September, December, March  | Every Month                    |
| July        | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | July, October, January, April     | Every Month                    |
| August      | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | August, November, February, May   | Every Month                    |
| September   | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | September, December, March, June  | Every Month                    |
| October     | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | October, January, April, July     | Every Month                    |
| November    | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | November, February, May, August   | Every Month                    |
| December    | A-L (1st-15th)                                      | M-Z (16th-EOM) | December, March, June, September  | Every Month                    |

**If you DO NOT receive your registration form by mail, it is your responsibility to re-register by the assigned due date.**

*Last name beginning "A-L" will be mailed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and will be required to be completed and returned, no later than the 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Last name beginning "M-Z" will be mailed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month and will be required to be completed and returned, no later than the last day of the month.*

## International Travel

A registrant is required to inform their residence jurisdiction of any intended travel outside of the U.S. at least **21 days prior** to that travel. Information you need to provide is found at: <https://smart.ojp.gov/sorna/current-law/implementation-documents/information-required-notice-international-travel> For a copy of the United States Marshal Service - International travel form, use the following link:

<https://app.alea.gov/Documents/Forms/SOForm-InternationalTravel.pdf>

The completed travel form shall be completed by the appropriate law enforcement official, state trooper, compliance officer, or probation/parole officer, who will then transmit the form to the United States Marshals Service and Registry.

## Scam

Those on the Sex Offender Registry can be targeted by scammers who claim to be a law enforcement officer advising they have failed to register or missed a probation appointment, and are now wanted in Virginia. Scammers are advising those on the Registry that they are now subject to large fines. **Remember: Those required to register will never receive a call requesting money/gifts, in order to avoid being taken into custody.**

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