

ARIZONA SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION LAW



MEGAN'S LAW:
An informed
community is a
safer community



City of Phoenix

The **Arizona Sex Offender Community Notification Law** was implemented on June 1, 1996, as a result of “**Megan’s Law.**” In 1994 seven year old Megan Kanka, of New Jersey, was brutally sexually assaulted and murdered by a convicted sex offender who lived across the street with two other convicted sex offenders.

Megan’s death highlighted the need to provide law enforcement agencies with greater ability to monitor sex offenders in our communities. Adhering with “Megan’s Law,” the Arizona State Legislature introduced legislation to create Arizona’s Sex Offender Community Notification of convicted sex offenders.

In response to this legislation, the Phoenix Police Department created the Sex Offender Community Notification Unit.

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION LAW

Community notification applies to residents of Arizona who:

- have been convicted of a criteria sex offense (as defined by State law) in Arizona and were
 - convicted of such an offense on or after June 1, 1996;
 - serving a sentence on or after the notification law was enacted;
 - juvenile offenders convicted of a criteria sex offense in adult court;
 - classified as a Level 2 or Level 3 sex offender.

*The purpose of the law is to notify citizens of sex offenders residing in their respective communities. The intent of the notification is **not to threaten, harass, or intimidate the offender.** Community notification is not punitive in nature, but is a regulatory requirement of the law. Law enforcement has no authority to dictate where an offender may live.*

OFFENDER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Every criteria sex offender must:

- register in person and in writing with the sheriff’s office in the county where they reside;
- register within ten days;
 - after conviction
 - after entering and remaining in any county of this state
- register within seventy-two hours;
 - after moving from the person’s address within a county, or upon a name change.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA SEX OFFENSES?

Anyone residing in Arizona who has been convicted of any of the following Criminal Code offenses anywhere in the United States, must register with the local sheriff’s office:

- unlawful imprisonment, if the victim is under 18
- kidnapping, if the victim is under 18
- sexual abuse, if the victim is under 18
- sexual conduct with a minor
- sexual assault
- sexual assault of a spouse
- molestation of a child
- continuous sexual abuse of a child
- taking a child for the purposes of prostitution
- child prostitution
- commercial sexual exploitation of a child
- sexual exploitation of a minor
- luring a minor for sexual exploitation
- a second or third conviction of felony/misdemeanor public sexual indecency
- a second or third conviction of felony/misdemeanor indecent exposure
- failure to register as a sex offender

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENDERS

- Level Zero: registration only (not subject to notification).
- Level 1: low risk to the community (in-home notification only).
- Level 2: intermediate risk to the community (**possible community notification**).
- Level 3: high risk to the community (mandatory community notification).

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Track and monitor registered sex offenders residing in the City of Phoenix.
- Maintain information on all registered sex offenders in the City of Phoenix.
- Coordinate with other law enforcement agencies on the registration and notification of sex offenders.
- Make the necessary community notifications on Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.
- Investigate all reports on failure to register involving sex offenders.
- Educate the public on the Sex Offender Registration/Notification law.

For more information on sex offenders Internet Access:

www.azsexoffender.com



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