

Residence Restrictions & Prohibited Locations for Sex Offenders

Sex offenders shall not reside within **3,000 feet** of:

- Elementary, middle or high schools,
- Child care facilities,
- Residential child-caring agencies,
- Children's group care homes,
- Playgrounds,
- Ballparks, or
- Recreational facilities utilized by persons under the age of 18.

Sex offenders shall not be **present** at any:

- School building,
- School property,
- School's student transportation,
- School-related activities,
- Public beach*, or
- Public campground*.

Sex offenders are prohibited from loitering within **500 feet** of a school building or school property while minors are present on the school grounds.

See Miss. Ann. Code § 45-33-25 for exceptions to residency requirements.

See Miss. Ann. Code §45-33-26 for parent/guardian's presence on school property exceptions.

*Sex offenders may request permission to visit public beaches or public campgrounds by filling out a request form found under the resources tab of the MSOR website and sending it via email, fax or mail to the registry.

Carly's Law: No Contact with Victims

It is unlawful for a sex offender to commit any of the following actions with respect to the offense for which they are registered:

- Threaten, visit, assault, molest, abuse, injure, or otherwise interfere with the victim;
 - Follow the victim, including at the victim's workplace;
 - Harass the victim;
 - Contact the victim by telephone, written communication, or electronic means; and
 - Enter or remain present at the victim's residence, school, or place of employment when the victim is present.
- Contact with the victim is only acceptable if the court in which the conviction was had, at the request of the victim or the parent/guardian, or conservator of the victim, enters an order allowing such contact.

A violation of Carly's Law is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000.00 and imprisonment for not less than 5 years, but up to 10 years.

A law enforcement officer shall arrest and take into custody a person, with or without a warrant or other process, if the officer has probable cause to believe the person knowingly violated Carly's Law.

Carly's Law may be read in full text in Miss. Ann. Code § 45-33-63.



A Summary of Convicted Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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Sex Offender Registry

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Website: <https://state.sor.dps.ms.gov/>



What is the time frame for registration?

Offenders who are convicted, adjudicated delinquent or acquitted by reason of insanity must register at their local Sheriff's Office within **3 business days** of judgment unless immediately confined or committed. After registering with the Sheriff's Office, offenders must personally appear at any Driver's License Station to register within **3 days** to obtain an \$11.00 sex offender ID card.

Moving to or returning to Mississippi?

1. Notify DPS not less than **10 days** before the person first resides in or returns to a county in this state.
2. Register by personally appearing at your local Sheriff's Office and a Driver's License Station within **3 business days** of first residing in a county in this state.

Planning International Travel?

Title I of the *Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006*, the *Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)*, requires that registered sex offenders inform registry officials of any intended travel outside of the United States at least **21 days prior** to the start of that travel.

- Fill out the International Travel Form (available online at the MSOR website or at any Driver's License Station). Include supporting documentation with the form. Examples: trip itinerary, cruise tickets, passport, plane tickets, church mission trip letter, etc.

Required Notifications by Offender:

Any change of address, including permanent residence and temporary lodging, must be reported not less than **10 days in advance** of residing there, by personally appearing at any Driver's License Station and updating registration.

The following changes of information must be reported within **3 business days**, by personally appearing at any Driver's License Station and updating registration:

- Any change of enrollment, employment or vocation at any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade or professional institution or institution of higher education,
- Any change of employment,
- Any change of name,
- Any change of vehicle information, and
- Any change of email addresses, instant message addresses, or any other designation used in Internet communications, postings or telephone communications.

Duty to Disclose Sex Offender Status:

Any sex offender who volunteers for or is employed or contracted by an organization in which they have direct, private and unsupervised contact with minors under the age of 18 shall notify the organization of their conviction, in writing, **at the time of volunteering, employment or contracting.**

During a declaration of emergency, any sex offender who enters an emergency shelter must notify, **within 24 hours of admittance**, the management of the facility, the sheriff of the county in which the facility is located in and the chief of police of the municipality.

Reregistration & Penalties for Noncompliance:

Offenders are required to reregister **every 90 days** by personally appearing at any Driver's License Station to update their registration for \$11.00. Offenders who are electronically monitored must reregister **annually**. If at any time the offender is no longer electronically monitored, they must update their registration status within **3 business days** of that change.

Failure of an offender to:

- Initially register,
- Reregister,
- Provide change of address,
- Provide notifications required to volunteer or work around minors,

OR

If an offender:

- Forges, or
- Submits information under false pretenses,

Results in noncompliance and automatic suspension of the offender's driver's license with a \$100.00 reinstatement fee, and possible arrest of the offender. Noncompliance is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000.00 and/or imprisonment for up to 5 years. An offender who is convicted for failure to register is subject to electronic monitoring after release from incarceration.

Sex Offender Registration laws for the State of Mississippi can be found in Title 45, Chapter 33 of the Mississippi Annotated Code of 1972 and are available on the MS Sex Offender Registry website.