



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY SEARCH OVERVIEW

Available Search Options:

National Criminal File Searches, State Specific Sex Offender Registry Searches & DOJ National Sex Offender Registry Searches

National Criminal File Database Search:

Criminal data sources include all sources listed in the National Criminal File search:

- Department of Corrections
- Administrative Office of Courts
- Individual county courts
- State-specific criminal record repositories
- Proprietary criminal record data
- Sex Offender Registry records (48 states plus Washington, D.C.)

The sex offender registry records included in the National Criminal File search are updated from most registries on a monthly basis, with some registry updates extended based on registry access. A search against the database will assist in identifying individuals that may or may not be registered in their current state of residence, but will not include individuals newly added to a state registry prior to updates.

Sex Offender Registry records in the database are matched against the name and date of birth of the subject of the search. Certain state sex offender registry records only include age of the registered offender or year of birth. The National Criminal file search will use the subject's current address provided in the consumer report order as an additional identifier for those registry records in the database that only include year of birth or age. If there is a name match and only a year of birth or age included in the registry record, the provided address will be used as a second identifier (name only matches will not be reported). If the name and provided address of the subject match the name and the current address provided in the sex offender registry record, the record will be returned.

State Specific Sex Offender Registry Search:

To provide additional due diligence in identifying a potential registered sex offender, a current search against the public sex offender registry maintained by the state agency in the state where the subject currently resides should be conducted.

- State of Residence Public Sex Offender Registry search:
 - Manual search of the state of residence Public Sex Offender registry, which is a centralized database of sex offender data maintained by the state
 - it identifies, collects, and properly disseminates relevant information
 - requires various state agencies to contribute data to the Registry
 - requires sex offenders to register at local law enforcement agency



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*Nevada & Massachusetts has restricted use of their State Sex Offender Registry records and First Advantage cannot provide a state sex offender registry search in these two states.

NOTE: Each state has specific definitions and laws regarding which crimes will require an offender to register.

In most states, the offender is evaluated on a three tier scale according to the level of risk he poses to the community:

- **Level 1 Offenders:**
 - A convicted sex offender who is assessed as posing a **possible** risk of recidivism and threat to public safety.
 - Are typically considered **low risk** offenders
 - Are not provided on all public Web sites
- **Level 2 Offenders:**
 - A convicted sex offender who is assessed as posing a **probable** risk of recidivism and threat to public safety.
 - Are considered **moderate risk** offenders
 - Are normally included on public Web sites
- **Level 3 Offenders:**
 - A convicted sex offender who is assessed as posing a **substantial** risk of recidivism and threat to public safety.
 - Are considered **high risk** offenders
 - Are included on public Web sites

Department of Justice National Sex Offender Registry Search:

The Department of Justice National Sex Offender Registry search is a link against the 50 individual state maintained sex offender registries:

- The National Sex Offender Registry is a manual search of the DOJ national sex offender registry site and allows a name only search
- The search would identify individuals on any of the state registry sites at the time the search is conducted
- Each of the 50 states registries' state specific definition and laws regarding which crimes will require an offender to register are applicable
- The level of registered offenders is applicable to each of the individual states that are linked to the DOJ national sex offender search