

Synopsis of Sex Offender Management in Kansas

Sex offenders under community supervision in the state of Kansas shall be managed, supervised and monitored at an appropriate level of intensity, based on assessed risk to community safety. The paramount goal is to reduce a sex offender's risk of re-offending by being victim-centered and assisting each sex offender in being successful in the community through the use of effective interventions, sex offender specific special conditions, treatment, and collaboration with community resources.

Definition of a Sex Offender in Kansas:

An offender whose crime of conviction is a sex crime as identified by any state or federal statute, an offender with a prior conviction or juvenile adjudication of a sex crime, or a person who has ever been convicted of a crime that was sexually motivated. Sexually motivated means that one of the purposes for which the offender committed the crime was for the purpose of the offender's sexual gratification. The sexual motivation of the offense may be determined through either a judicial finding made at the time of sentencing or by information regarding the offense provided to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Sex Offender Treatment in Kansas:

All offenders identified as sex offenders are required to participate in sex offender treatment. The underlying theoretical orientation of the program is Relapse Prevention, a cognitive-behavioral treatment model that requires ongoing and thorough assessment of Offender risks, needs, and treatment progress. The primary goals of sex offender treatment are to provide a regimen that assists each offender to assume responsibility for his/her offenses, acknowledge the chronic nature of his/her deviant cycle, and acquire cognitive and behavioral skills that will allow him/her to manage their behavior and reduce the risk of re-offending. This program involves weekly, 2 hour, outpatient group treatment, and requires a co-pay fee. Completion timeframe varies depending on each offender's prior treatment experience and current treatment participation and progress. Treatment staff has established cooperative relationships with parole officers to monitor offender behavior and share information to ensure community safety and positive treatment outcomes. Close coordination between treatment therapists and parole officers includes sharing client information and immediate reporting of absences, new criminal offenses, parole condition

violations, and progress and participation concerns. The treatment provider utilizes polygraphs to help monitor each offenders progress and compliance.

Sex Offender Registration in Kansas:

Sex offenders who meet the statutory requirement to register, the following applies:

- Driver s licenses and state issued identification cards for offenders required to register shall indicate that the person is a registered offender.
- A current driver s license held by an offender on the effective date of the bill shall remain valid until the offenders next birthday. Licenses and identification cards shall be renewed annually on the offender's birthday.
- You are required to report to the Sheriff's Office every four months (your birth month and every four months thereafter) in person in every county where you reside, work, or attend school. A registration fee of \$20 shall be charged for each time the offender reports to the sheriff s office.
- Offenders must give written notice of any change of address within 14 days of a change in residence to the law enforcement agency where last registered and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Any person convicted and required to register in another state is required to register for as long as that state would require or for the period of time required in the State of Kansas, which ever is longer.

The crime of failure to register is increased from a severity level 10 nonperson felony to a severity level 5 person felony. A new violation would occur after 31 days has elapsed without registering, and new violations will continue to occur for each 30-day period thereafter. If your agency or an offender would like to speak with a Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) staff member about registration, please contact the Duty Phone (785) 296-2841.

Sex Offender Specific Special Conditions:

The assigned parole officer shall impose special conditions for all individuals who meet the definition of a sex offender. There are two primary reasons for these special conditions:

- To reduce the likelihood of future victimization
- To restrict opportunities for high risk situations where re-offending behavior can occur

The imposition of various special conditions is based on each sex offender's individual risks and needs. The conditions may include, but are not limited to:

- Unless approved in advance by your assigned officer, you shall have no contact or attempted contact with a minor (anyone under the age of eighteen) including your own children.
- You are required to notify your employer of the following: Your current and prior (non-expunged) adult felony convictions, any misdemeanor (non-expunged) sexual offense convictions, And, that you are on parole or post-release supervision.
- Unless you have received the prior authorization of your assigned officer, you shall not be present at schools, parks, playgrounds, fairs, circuses, carnivals, video arcades, toy stores or other areas where children congregate.
- You shall not reside with, enter into a romantic relationship with, or marry anyone who has minor children under the age of eighteen years without advance permission of your assigned officer. You shall inform your assigned officer of any new and/or existing current, close relationships in which you are involved. You shall inform those

persons with whom you have a significant relationship or close affiliation of your sexual offense history.

- You shall not own, borrow, view, transport or manufacture any sexually explicit or erotic materials. This includes possession or control of any material that describes or depicts human nudity, exploitation of children, consensual sex acts, non-consensual sex acts involving force or violence including but not limited to: computer programs, computer links, computer social networking sites, photographs, drawings, video/audio tapes, CDs/DVDs, flash drives, cell phones or any digital storage device containing photographs displaying nudity, magazines, books, literature, writings, or any other material deemed to be sexually stimulating. You shall not frequent X-rated movies, or possess sexual paraphernalia. You shall not enter any adult bookstores, adult movie theaters or retail establishments that specialize in distribution of sexually oriented materials. You shall not use any sex service. Under no circumstances shall you patronize prostitutes.
- You shall not use any electronic device including but not limited to: computers, any Internet accessible device, any device used for viewing or storing images, television or VCR/DVD for the purpose of viewing, copying, or transmitting sexually explicit or erotic material. You shall not participate in any “chat rooms”, bulletin boards, social networking sites (i.e. MySpace, Facebook, dating sites, UTube) or other Internet correspondence for the purpose of accessing sexually explicit or erotic material or contacting any person for purposes of sexual gratification. Your computer activity is subject to search and inspection by Parole Services staff at any time.