

Maryland

Sex Offender Registration Requirements

Based upon the crime for which an offender was convicted, an offender may be required to register with the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry as either a (1) Child Sexual Offender; (2) Offender; (3) Sexually Violent Offender; or (4) Sexually Violent Predator. The full listing of qualifying offenses are found in Maryland law: MD Code Annotated, Criminal Procedure Article, Section 11-701(a). Generally, an offender coming into Maryland (whether under the authority of the Interstate Compact or not) must register with the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry if: (1) the crime for which the offender was convicted out-of-state would constitute a crime requiring registration in Maryland; or (2) the offender was required to register as a sexual offender with another state's registry before coming to Maryland. These requirements for registration apply whether the offender is: (1) temporarily or permanently relocating residence to Maryland; (2) carrying on employment in Maryland; or (3) attending a public or private educational institution in Maryland on either a full-time or part-time student basis. For a sexual offender coming into Maryland under one of these circumstances, the offender must register with the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry within: (1) Seven days after the earlier of establishing a temporary or permanent residence or applying for a State driver's license; or (2) Fourteen days after the offender begins employment in Maryland or registers as a student in Maryland. An offender can register with the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry by completing a registration statement through the offender's supervising Parole and Probation Agent; or, if the offender is not under supervision, through the local law enforcement unit for the jurisdiction where the offender lives, is employed, or is enrolled in school. Change of Address: If a sexual offender changes address, the offender MUST notify the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry in writing no later than seven days after: (1) the change of address occurs; (2) commencement or termination of enrollment at an educational institution; or (3) the commencement or termination of employment. Name Change: A sexual offender MUST notify the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry in writing not later than seven days after the offender is granted a change of name by a court. Term of Registration: Except as provided in the paragraph that follows, a sexual offender must register annually with the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry Unit for: (1) Ten years; or (2) Life, if the registrant has been convicted: (a) of a sexually violent offense; (b) of a sexual act involving the penetration of a child under the age of 12 years; or (c) of a prior crime as a Child Sexual Offender, Offender, or Sexually Violent Offender. A Sexually Violent Predator must register every 90 days for life with the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry and with the local law enforcement unit for the jurisdiction where the Sexually Violent Predator lives, works or attends school.

Sex Offender Special Conditions

An offender who is classified as a Child Sexual Offender must register every year with the local law enforcement unit for the jurisdiction where the offender lives, works or attends school, in addition to the requirement that the offender register with the Maryland Sexual Offender Registry. Otherwise, there are no unique sexual offender special conditions, such as GPS monitoring.

Sex Offender Registry

The Maryland Sexual Offender Registry may be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/> MD Sexual Offender Registry Unit Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services 6776 Reisterstown Road, Suite 209 Baltimore, Maryland 21215 410-585-3600 Paul Kozloski, Manager