

New York

Brief Synopsis

Sex Offender Registration Requirements

Individuals convicted of a registerable offense, as defined by Corrections Law Article 6C (Sex Offender Registration Act effective 1/21/96), must register with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. The offender is responsible to notify the Sex Offender Registry of changes in residence within 10 days after moving. In addition there is an annual verification of residence requirement. The duration of registration is based on risk level; those determined highest risk (level 3) must register for life and are subject to additional residence verification with the local law enforcement agency. An offender's requirement to register is subject to criminal prosecution for failure to register.

Sex Offender Special Conditions

The Board of Parole has authority to impose conditions of parole beyond the standard Conditions of Release. In addition, the supervising parole officer with approval from immediate supervisor, may impose additional special conditions. said conditions must be linked to the releasees pattern of criminal behavior and a rationale for conditions must be documented in the case folder. Generally conditions of parole limit a releasee behavior (ie No alcohol), restrict movement or liberty in the community (ie Curfew), restrict access to potential victims (ie not to be within 1000 feet of schools) or engage in rehabilitative behaviors (ie participate in sex offender treatment). Close surveillance of an offenders whereabouts through the use of electronic monitoring is also used as a supervision strategy.

Additional Information

NYS Division of Parole has aggressively addressed the multitude of issues involved in supervising sex offenders returning to local communities. The Division has established reduced, dedicated sex offender caseloads, sought current training, conferences, and educational opportunities for staff, developed partnerships with law enforcement agencies, sex offender treatment providers, and other community organizations, established supervision guidelines, participate on local task forces to promote collaborative problem solving and upheld sex offender registry standards.