

## **Information on Sexual Offenders:**

NH RSA 651-B governs the registration requirements of sexual offenders in the state of New Hampshire.

**Megan's Law-** Megan's law is a law named after Megan Kanka, a New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered at age seven by a known child molester. This child molester moved across the street from the Kanka family without their knowledge. In the wake of the tragedy the Kanka family sought to have local communities warned about sex offenders in the area. On May 17, 1996 President Clinton signed Megan's Law. Megan's law contains two components- sex offender registration and community notification.

## **New Hampshire Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Contact Information:**

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Sex- Offender Registration  
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## **Frequently asked Questions:**

1. **Who is required to register?** Sexual offenders and offenders against children must register.
2. **What does "Sex Offender" mean?** "Sexual Offender" means a person who has been convicted of any violation or attempted violation of the following offenses:
  - a. Aggravated felonious sexual assault
  - b. Felonious sexual assault
  - c. Sexual assault
  - d. Felony indecent exposure or lewdness
  - e. An equivalent offense in another jurisdiction
3. **What does "Offender Against Children Mean"?** "Offender against children" means a person who has been convicted of any violation or attempted violation of, any of the following offenses when the victim is under the age of 18:
  - a. Kidnapping
  - b. Criminal restraint
  - c. False imprisonment
  - d. Prostitution or related offenses
  - e. Intentional contribution to delinquency
  - f. Endangering the welfare of a minor or incompetent
  - g. Child pornography offenses
  - h. Certain prohibited uses of computer services
  - i. Obscenity involving a minor in the material deemed obscene

- j. Any equivalent offense in another jurisdiction
4. **Are juvenile offenders required to register?** If a juvenile is convicted of a sex crime and court ordered to register, the state maintains a juvenile registration list that is not public.
  5. **When and where does an offender register?** Every sexual offender or offender against children must be registered with the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of State Police. Any offender who is required to register must report his or her current mailing address, place of residence or temporary domicile, and place of employment or schooling to the local law enforcement agency within five business days after his or her release from custody following conviction, or within five business days after his or her date of establishment of residence in New Hampshire. They must also register with their local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over their residence semi-annually, which entails them to register with-in five business days of their date of birth and gain six months from their date of birth.
  6. **What happens if an offender changes his or her address or other registration information during the registration period?** An offender who changes his or her information must report the change to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over their residence within five business days of the change.
  7. **What happens if an offender moves from New Hampshire to another state?** He or she is required to fill out a change of address form with the New Hampshire agency within five business days of the change and then they have ten business days to register with the agency that has jurisdiction over their new address.
  8. **Is an Offender who moves from another State required to register?** Yes, an out of state offender moving to New Hampshire must follow the registration requirements of New Hampshire.
  9. **What if an offender lives in another state but works or goes to school in New Hampshire?** Any non resident offender that enters New Hampshire or for the purpose of employment, with or without compensation, or to attend any public or private educational institution for a period exceeding five consecutive days or for a an aggregated period of time exceeding thirty days during a calendar year is required to report to the local law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction over his or her place of employment or school within five days of entering the state for employment or schooling.
  10. **Is Registration a Lifetime Requirement?** Depending on the conviction it is a lifetime requirement but any sexual offender convicted of a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses must be registered for a 10- year period from the date of release following his or her conviction:
    - a. Sexual assault
    - b. Indecent exposure and lewdness or
    - c. An equivalent offense in another jurisdictionAny offender against children convicted of a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses must be registered for a ten year period from his or her date of release following his or her conviction:
    - a. False imprisonment
    - b. Prostitution and related offenses

- c. Child pornography
- d. An equivalent offense in another jurisdiction

Any sexual offender convicted of a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses must be registered for life:

- a. Aggravated felonious sexual assault
- b. Felonious sexual assault
- c. Indecent exposure and lewdness
- d. Equivalent offense in another jurisdiction

Any offender against children convicted of a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses must be registered for life:

- a. Intentional contribution to delinquency
- b. Kidnapping
- c. Criminal restraint
- d. Incest
- e. Endangering the welfare of a minor or incompetent
- f. Prostitution and related offenses
- g. Child pornography
- h. Computer pornography
- i. Obscene matter
- j. Equivalent offense in another jurisdiction

Any sexual offender or offender against children must be registered for life if he or she is convicted or more than one of the offenses listed below:

- a. Aggravated felonious sexual assault
- b. Felonious sexual assault
- c. Sexual assault
- d. Indecent exposure and lewdness
- e. Kidnapping
- f. Criminal restraint
- g. False imprisonment
- h. Incest
- i. Prostitution and related offenses
- j. Intentional contribution to delinquency
- k. Endangering the welfare of a minor or an incompetent
- l. Child pornography
- m. Computer pornography
- n. Obscene matter
- o. An equivalent offense in another jurisdiction

11. **Are there any penalties for failing to register or providing false information?** An offender, who fails to comply with the registration requirements and or provides false information, subsequently will be charged with a felony.
12. **What information is released to the public about registered offenders?** The Division of State Police maintains a list of all registered offenders who have been convicted of any violation or attempted violation of one of the following offenses, or of a state or federal offenses reasonably equivalent to the following offenses:

- a. Certain instances of aggravated felonious sexual assault
- b. Certain instances of felonious sexual assault
- c. Felony indecent exposure and lewdness
- d. Any of the following offenses when the victim is under 18:
  - a. Kidnapping
  - b. Criminal restraint
  - c. False imprisonment
  - d. Prostitution or related offenses
  - e. Intentional contribution to delinquency
  - f. Endangering the welfare of a minor or an incompetent
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The list maintained by the State police must include:

- a. The name and address of the registered offender
- b. The offense for which the registered offender was convicted
- c. The date and court of the conviction for which the offender was convicted
- d. Any outstanding warrants for any offender who has not complied with the registration requirements

If such information is available the list may also include:

- a. A photograph or physical description of the registered offender
- b. The date and court of the registered offenders other convictions if any
- c. Information on the profile of the victim of the registered offenders offense and
- d. The method of approach used by the offender

13. **Can I search the Internet for offenders in my area?** The department of safety maintains a webs site that includes the list of offenders against children and a warrant list for non-compliant offenders. The list is available at:  
**[www.state.nh.us/soupermail/secure/disclaimer.html](http://www.state.nh.us/soupermail/secure/disclaimer.html)**